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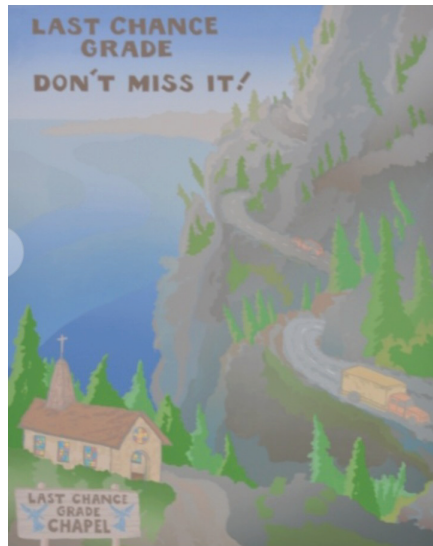
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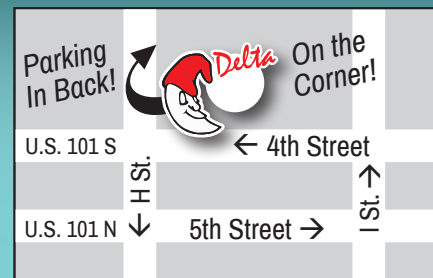
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'We've Got Your Back(side)'

Editor:

I was happy to take the two minutes required to fulfill Renshin Bruce's request (Mailbox, Feb. 1) and I contacted CalTrans District 1 asking them to please install a port-a-potty at Herrick Avenue Park and Ride in Eureka.

The suggestion that CalTrans is too short of funds for this modest cost when they are more than willing to spend the tens of millions it would cost to widen Richardson Grove, is an affront to all of us, not just "... ladies who shouldn't have to crouch under the bridge" to pee.

You can join me by sending an email: district.1.pio@dot.ca.gov, phone: (707) 445-6000 or letter to: CalTrans District 1, PO Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502.

Rensin, we've got your back(side).

Richard Salzman, Arcata

'Extremely Shady'

Editor:

Great article by Thadeus Greenon about the extremely shady deal where a mysterious group of investors who definitely, swear to God, have no connection to Rob Arkley, are in contract to buy the Jacobs School site for 50 percent more than the CHP had offered ("Spokespeople Mum as to Who is Behind Mystery Offer for Eureka Schools' Jacobs Property," Feb. 1). I especially love that the spokesperson for the mystery investors, Sara Lee, offers the half-baked excuse that she can't say who they are because of "attorney-client privilege."

My other favorite bits are that the mysterious investors have apparently locked down the \$6 million deal with a fully refundable deposit of a mere \$1,000, and that the same "San Diego attorney," Mr. Johnson, who filed Security National's lawsuit to block the parking lot conversion plan for Old Town also happens, by pure coincidence, to represent the people trying to buy the Jacobs Property. So, as I read it, the unidentified investors, who definitely don't include Rob Arkley, could back out of the deal at a cost of only \$1000 after coincidentally providing the proponents of the Housing for All initiative with the great talking point that we don't need to pave the parking lots to build housing, because we'll build so much at the Jacobs site. How could anyone say that sounds phony?

Bill Hassler, McKinleyville

'Sinister'

Editor:

Sinister is the first word that came to mind after reading ("Did Your Check Clear?" Feb. 1). As a former business owner, I considered our employees to be the life blood of our company and valued each one of them as an integral part of the team. "There is no 'I' in Team." I guess Mr. Mazzotti didn't get that memo.

One thing that did outshine the narcissistic and entitled self-rantings of the owner in the article was the dedication, tenacity and comradery of his staff. What a remarkable and priceless asset! Anyone who gets this level of commitment from an employee should have counted their lucky stars! Instead of a heart of gratitude, you see a heart of attitude; self-seeking and total disregard for others.

You won't catch sight of me every week at Mr. Mazzotti's Futurama House of Pizza. I already smell something "rotten in Denmark." My quest for good pizza does not resonate with supporting his malfeasant business practices and leaving casualties in their wake.

Good riddance, Joe. I hear there is a casting call for the starring role in the upcoming "Despicable Me 4." You might want to consider it.

Mairead Dodd, Eureka

Vote!

Editor:

I met Judge Kreis in 2010, when I worked as a DDA and he a deputy public defender. We litigated cases against each other for years. Without exception, I found Judge Kreis to be an outstanding advocate and a person of high integrity.

Following Judge Kreis' appointment to the bench, I practiced before him in my current position as a deputy public defender. I've had clients sent to prison by Judge Kreis but also experienced a kind and sympathetic jurist who understands that not every defendant's circumstances are the same. Never did I leave Judge Kreis' courtroom feeling as though my client was treated unfairly, even if I disagreed with an outcome.

An HSU graduate and longtime resident, Judge Kreis is a knowledgeable and fair jurist. I encourage folks to join my family in supporting Judge Kreis' reelection to the Humboldt County Superior Court.

Ben McLaughlin, McKinleyville

Editor:

I enthusiastically endorse Judge Greg Kreis for reelection to the Humboldt County Superior Court. I've known him

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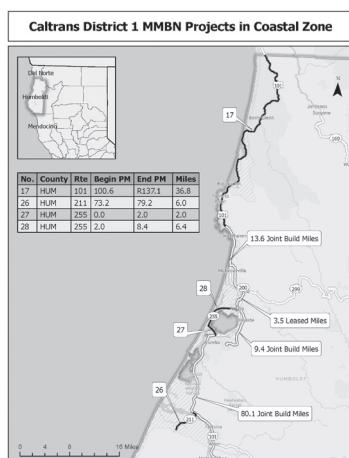
WHY IS THE PROJECT NEEDED In July 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law SB 156 to create an open-access middle-mile network to bring equitable high-speed broadband service to all Californians. The lack of available middle-mile broadband infrastructure has been a major issue in connecting California's unserved and underserved communities. The statewide open-access middle-mile network included in SB 156 is a foundational investment to ensure every Californian has access to broadband internet service that meets the connectivity needs of today, and well into the future. This project intends to support these communities in providing critical statewide broadband infrastructure to enhance access to and increase the affordability of high-speed internet for all Californians.

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CONTACT For additional information about this proposed project, please contact Caltrans Environmental Coordinator Bria Miller at bria.miller@dot.ca.gov or CCC Liaison Melba Policicchio at melba.policicchio@coastal.ca.gov.

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since he was a student working his way through college as a cook and even doing a stint on a crabbing vessel in Alaska to make ends meet. He's among the few people that I categorize as a "stellar human" because of his compassion and genuine concern for people. From hard working student to dedicated professional, his empathy and joyous spirit still define him.

Experienced in tribal, civil, criminal and family law, he understands the complexities of the legal system and the diverse needs of people who come before the court.

His proven track record, and bipartisan support from legal professionals, elected officials, law enforcement and citizens who know him, is impressive. I encourage voters to support Judge Greg Kreis for reelection.

Eileen McGee, Eureka

Editor:

I initially supported Representative Jared Huffman because of his environmental credentials, but his judgment disappoints. His support for an industrial port in Humboldt Bay is one example. This project represents a boon for corporate interests, while designating

Humboldt Bay as a sacrifice zone. We need to emphasize decentralized systems rather than new industrial mega projects.

During COVID, Huffman championed policies that, predictably, harmed our community, eviscerated human rights and facilitated the largest transfer of wealth in history, from us to the wealthiest. Our government unleashed coercion, propaganda and censorship. Huffman appears to lack the integrity needed to acknowledge and investigate the damage done.

When you add in his support for the military-industrial complex, his merits fall further. Please join me in rejecting Huffman's candidacy by voting for anyone else. He does not deserve our support.

Amy Gustin, Eureka

Editor:

Where is supervisor candidate Gordon Clatworthy? He's missed the last three public interviews and hasn't been seen at public events. He's applying for the job as First District supervisor, but lately he's been a "no call, no show." Is this what we should expect from him if he were to be elected? Meanwhile, Supervisor Rex Bohn is still one of the hardest working

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men in Humboldt. I see his truck at the courthouse at all hours and days of the week, he's going back and forth to Sacramento, doing auctions, and filling sandbags to defend against flooding. It's clear where the dedication lies in our district.

Ryan Brandt, Eureka Editor:

I'm writing this letter for lovers of Humboldt, environmentalists and supporters of local businesses to join me in opposing Measure A.

On first read, it looks great. Helping small farms and our fisheries? Absolutely! Instead, it (1) reiterates existing environmental rules already enforced by over a dozen local/state agencies, (2) mandates cultivation caps in the name of "helping small farmers" (while doing the opposite), (3) evades public process, (4) prevents existing farms from adding improvements (e.g., solar/water storage) and (5) does not stop environmentally destructive illegal grows.

Measure A is a counter-productive, redundant and misplaced attempt at fixing the problems of the past.

The local chambers of commerce, the sheriff, the cities of Arcata/Eureka, the county of Humboldt and many more all oppose this measure for a reason.

This measure will not help our planet, our local businesses, our farmers, our residents or anyone else. Vote no on Measure A.

Natalia Nelson, Arcata

Editor:

Measure A will put needed sideboards on the sprawl and ecological impacts of cannabis cultivation. The county has approved massive grows in sensitive habitats and right up against neighbors. Humboldt cannabis growers have contributed to a saturated state cannabis market and crashing wholesale prices. In doing so, many growers (though certainly not all) have damaged spawning habitat; filled dark skies with grow-lights run on diesel generators; cut roads and dumped sediment into streams; imported heavy truckloads of soil, plastics; and workers into distant wildlands on narrow county roads; and cleared forests — all ap-

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—Jean Munsee

proved by county officials.

Measure A is designed to ameliorate these preventable impacts while rewarding the many local growers who respect neighbors and the native environment.

Vote yes on Measure A.

Greg King, Arcata

Write a Letter!

Please make your letter no more than 300 words and include your full name, place of residence and phone number (we won't print your number). Send it to letters@northcoastjournal.com. The deadline to have a letter considered for the upcoming edition is 10 a.m. Monday.

Write an Election Letter!

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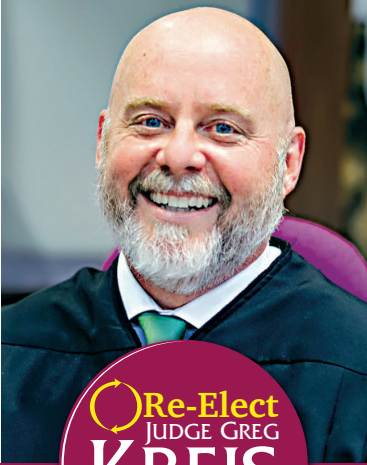
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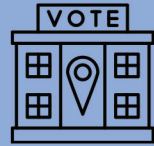
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NCJ NEWS

Sushi Spot's Tipping Point

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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The social media response to Sushi Spot posting its new policy regarding gratuities was swift and nuclear, with Facebook posters and commenters largely deriding the announcement, some even swearing off patronizing the business for good. But the plan itself, the automatic addition of an 18-percent "equity fee" for dine-in and 10 percent for takeout to be shared among all staff in lieu of traditional tipping, had been in the works for some time.

"Other restaurants around California have started doing this a few years ago [coming] out of COVID ... that's kind of where the idea came from," says Sushi Spot owner Eric Stark, who also liked the sound of "equity fee" as used by some of those businesses. During the early part of the pandemic, he says, "We didn't have servers, we were 100-percent takeout and the tips that came in were split between our staff." Reopening to dine-in service brought back the old system of tips for servers, from which they would routinely and voluntarily tip out the kitchen staff. This, he notes, effectively left cooks and chefs with a paycut, their shares having gone down in percentage from the take-out-only system.

Stark says an experienced "sashimi chef and server are equally valuable," and even a 40/60 split doesn't reflect that. "We want to have a fair distribution of this 18 percent." Some 75 to 80 percent of the staff at Sushi Spot's three locations, he says, work back of house, including seven chefs with 10 years of experience each. "We're trying to create a system where it doesn't matter if you're in the front or the back."

The American tipping system can, Stark says, undermine teamwork, motivating servers to guard their sections rather than helping each other out during a rush or with a large party, while kitchen staff can be less invested in helping servers with diners' experiences. Hosts, he notes, also make fewer tips than servers, which can make it difficult to find someone willing to perform an important role in a full-service restaurant. This, he says, is not to paint a bad picture of waitstaff or suggest they aren't deserving, noting the servers on staff are "incredible," but the system could be more equitable. He says he's also seen customers harassing servers, doing or saying inappropriate things because "may-

be they think they're entitled because they're tipping." (See the *Journal's* previous reporting on server harassment, "We've All Got Stories," Feb. 29, 2023.)

Still, Stark says he knows this gain for the back of the house will require a bite out of earnings from the front of the house. After a year of talking with managers about the idea, they held a 30-day advance meeting with the whole staff, followed by individual meetings with front-of-house staff. "When we first introduced the idea, I didn't know if I was gonna lose our whole waitstaff," he says.

Manager and lead server David Bush says Sushi Spot's equity program isn't so different from the tip pooling system at his old job at a sushi restaurant in Temecula. He thinks it's more common in sushi restaurants since "the chefs have to train for 10 years to master sushi," and keeping them around can be a challenge. But a sushi chef's skill "really makes or breaks the job for a server," he adds. "Sushi is art and if it's not beautiful ... it's embarrassing" and doesn't keep customers happy. Speed matters, too, especially when a single table might need a dozen rolls at once and that can impact tips. "Every second counts with fish as the temperature changes the taste."

But while the back of the house is helped by splitting the automatic gratuity of the equity fee, Bush admits servers take a hit. "This has been a huge sacrifice for us. On our busiest nights, we would make \$250 a night" in tips. On a six-hour shift that's a \$40 to \$60 per hour pay rate, depending on base pay. However, "It was always difficult to leave at the end of the night with \$250 in your pocket while the chef has \$40," he says.

Not everyone is or has been on board. "A lot of the servers didn't like this change at first and a lot of us fought against it," says Bush. "I've personally come around to it. This is the system I used to work with." But he says three staffers have quit so far and he's heard of others looking elsewhere, though the slow season and what he sees as a dip in restaurant traffic generally make that harder to do right now.

Front of house work, Bush says, can be a stressful job between customer complaints and "relying on a lot of things out of our control to give good service." A number of front of house workers,

he says, “feel like they’ve been looked over and underappreciated with this change.” Bearing the brunt of angry customer responses hasn’t helped.

Still, Bush says, “This is the most supportive restaurant environment I’ve been in. [Stark] expressed a lot of sorrow and grief over us losing some of our pay,” and he’s felt good working at Sushi Spot. For now, he’s staying. Recently married, he notes that he needs a steady income. “I really do like the people I work with and I hope they stick it out but I completely understand if they won’t be able to.”

The equity approach, as Stark explains it, requires pulling 18 percent of each restaurant’s sales each day and dividing it — with percentages varying based on job and experience — between the more experienced lead servers and sashimi chefs, other chefs, hosts and newer servers and sushi rollers, and entry-level workers like dishwashers. “We’re trying to make sure we’re being absolutely transparent,” he stresses, adding that daily reports will be shared with employees and none of the 18 percent equity charge will go to restaurant owners.

“The equity charge is a sales-based thing. If we have a really great night, it’s good for everyone,” says Stark, who thinks service for customers, and hopefully sales, will improve with a system that reinforces teamwork. “I think that we’re gonna have better service because we’re going to be working together.”

Asked why Sushi Spot doesn’t just increase wages in the back of the house, as many have suggested online, Stark points to the increasing cost of overhead. With 76 employees between Arcata, McKinleyville and Eureka, the coming rise in minimum wage is substantial. “We always give raises every year and we have people who’ve been with us for over a decade,” he says. “I’d love to pay them as much as I can.” But given the rise in costs, from

ingredients (particularly Japanese foods) to utilities, that would require a price hike on the menu. That, he worries, could price out customers. “If our prices aren’t competitive with Tomo, why would anybody want to eat here?”

Sushi Spot is also aiming for transparency with customers, with signs and flyers offering an explanation of the Employee Equity Program, as well as the elimination of the tip line in credit card processing. Starting Feb. 5, “Instead of traditional gratuities,” reads the page that set off a hailstorm of comments, the 18- and 10-percent charges will be added automatically, and “100 percent of the equity fee will go to our exceptional staff.”

Surveying the backlash in posts and comments, along with those who think the restaurant should simply raise wages, there are those who are concerned the restaurant will be taking a cut of tips (again, Stark says this is not the case), or that the system will hurt servers’ earnings by the division or limiting of tips. There are also those diners who are loathe to relinquish their power to reward or punish the server by determining the tip, and the improved service they feel it buys them. Of all these issues, the latter seems the least possible to resolve under Sushi Spot’s equity program, which may be indicative of shifting ideas about dining in general.

In response to the online blowback and some angry emails hoping for the restaurant to shutter or burn down, a somewhat rattled Stark posted a more detailed breakdown of the plan on Facebook earlier this week. “Because learning how to make sushi takes longer and is more in-

volved than other types of restaurant cuisine, we feel it is justified to define servers and chefs as equally qualified — therefore the serving shifts should not make three to six times more,” it reads. He goes on to explain his attempt, with management, to make the sharing of tips fairer across the restaurants under the existing American tipping system. “We acknowledged that we cannot please everyone and expected some negative reactions to our new policy, but it is time to move in a new direction and away from a tipping system and into a shared equity program that benefits everyone in the restaurant fairly.”

Despite the controversy, Stark says, “At the end of the day, we hope the numbers work out,” and that customers will support the new system. How those numbers work for the staff will likely be as strong a determinant as to the success or failure of the program.

“I really believe strongly that this is the right thing to do. I know that it’s different,” says Stark. “We want to be a better model of how a restaurant can be, as a team.” ●

Editor’s note: This story was first published online at northcoastjournal.com.

Do you work at Sushi Spot? The Journal wants to hear from employees, anonymously if preferred, as we continue to cover this story. Staffers can contact arts and features editor Jennifer Fumiko Cahill (she/her) via Facebook, by email at jennifer@northcoastjournal.com or on Instagram @JFumikoCahill.



Workers at the McKinleyville Sushi Spot counter. *File*



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Newsom Unveils Plan to Save Salmon

With salmon populations throughout California declining for decades and facing the threat of extinction, Gov. Gavin Newsom on Jan. 30 unveiled a state strategy aimed at protecting and restoring the iconic species “amidst hotter and drier weather exacerbated by climate change.”

The blueprint calls for tearing down dams and improving passages for migrating salmon, restoring flows in key waterways, modernizing hatcheries to raise fish and taking other steps to help Chinook, coho, steelhead and other migrating fish.

“We’re doubling down to make sure this species not only adapts in the face of extreme weather but remains a fixture of California’s natural beauty and ecosystems for generations to come,” Newsom said in a statement.

Fewer than 80,000 Central Valley fall-run chinook salmon — a mainstay of the state’s salmon fishery — returned to spawn in 2022, according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. It’s a decline of nearly 40 percent from the previous year, and the lowest since 2009. Last year, all salmon fishing was canceled in California and much of Oregon due to low numbers projected to return from the Pacific.

The threats to California’s salmon are many — dams that block migration, diversions that drain rivers, ocean conditions and climate change. And the effects of the decline are wide-ranging: loss of fishery jobs, impacts on tribes’ food security and cultures, no local supplies for restaurants and consumers, and more.

Many of the projects and solutions outlined in Newsom’s report are already underway, or under the direction of the federal government, tribes and conservation groups. Included are the historic demolition of four aging hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River, and reintroduction of endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook eggs to the McCloud River upstream of Lake Shasta.

Regulatory efforts include establishing minimum flows on the fiercely contested Scott and Shasta Rivers, and the long-delayed and controversial management plan for

the Bay-Delta, the heart of the state’s water supply.

Some environmental groups called the plan a ploy to burnish Newsom’s image after taking other steps that jeopardized salmon: his waiver of water quality requirements in the Delta that protect salmon, his support of a controversial pact with major water suppliers, and his backing of the Delta tunnel project, which the state’s environmental assessment warned could put salmon at risk.

Scott Artis, executive director of the Golden State Salmon Association, said in a statement that the plan is “is packed full of good stuff that we have been fighting to get for years,” but said “it conflicts with what the Newsom administration has been doing for years to devastate California’s most important salmon runs.”

“What it potentially boils down to is conveniently timed smoke and mirrors,” he added.

The plan “is a repackaging of victories by tribes and environmental and fishing organizations across the state, which were hard-fought and which happened to fall on Governor Newsom’s watch,” said Jon Rosenfield, science director of San Francisco Baykeeper.

“The governor has spent his entire administration resisting new protections for salmon, waiving existing protections, making sure his water board didn’t adopt new regulatory safeguards that everyone agrees are necessary,” he said. “And now, in the sixth year of his administration, he’s got a plan, which doesn’t include any of the fixes that the best available science says are necessary.”

For instance, he said the state should stop promoting major water diversions like the Delta tunnel and Sites Reservoir, and instead reduce demand for water, particularly among growers. He also raised concerns that the administration has backed voluntary agreements with major water suppliers related to Bay-Delta flows that could undermine and supplant science-based, mandatory standards developed by the state.

Though Newsom’s strategy pledges to complete these long-awaited standards for the Bay-Delta by the end of 2025, it also

Inked in Blue Lake



Tattoo artist Jamy Carlton, of Red Ocean tattoo shop in Savannah, Georgia, was booked solid by customers at the Inked Hearts Tattoo Expo. See the full slideshow of the weekend-long event at northcoastjournal.com. POSTED 02.7.24.

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says they “could include potential Voluntary Agreements.”

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has said these agreements “do not provide flow to ensure year-round protection or protection in critical dry years” and that the flows are “not large enough to adequately restore and protect aquatic ecosystems.”

California Trout, a conservation organization, welcomed Newsom’s support for habitat restoration and demolishing barriers like the Scott and Cape Horn dams, which block fish migration on the Eel River. PG&E released its preliminary plans for removing these dams in November.

“These actions are critical and urgent in light of climate change,” Darren Mierau, Cal Trout program director in the North Coast

region, said in a statement.

California Trout and UC Davis scientists predict that the state will lose nearly half of its native salmon and trout species in the next 50 years if conditions continue unchanged.

“After 10 years of rapidly intensifying drought with episodic bouts of rain and snow events, salmon are not doing well,” Newsom’s salmon plan says.

Newsom’s strategy document comes with the heavy caveat that “it will require time, effort, and funding” and that the pace “will depend upon the feasibility and availability of resources and competing priorities.”

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—Rachel Becker/CalMatters

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Officers Identified: The Eureka Police Department identified the two Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office deputies who fatally shot Daniel Martinez, 43, during a Jan. 22 standoff as Johnathan Waxler and Colton Ross, both members of the SWAT team. The shooting came after officers negotiated the safe release of four hostages, according to police.

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Grower Fined: A Humboldt County cannabis farmer has agreed to pay \$750,000, remove unpermitted ponds and restore wetlands after state officials accused him of violating regulations protecting waterways and wildlife. While officials deemed Joshua Sweet’s violations “egregious,” he told CalMatters he doesn’t believe the settlement was “fair or just.” POSTED 02.02.24

CHP Identifies Crash Victims: The California Highway Patrol identified the three people killed in a Jan. 21 crash on U.S. Highway 101 as Arcata resident James Baker, 55, and Rio Dell residents Christina Freitas, 42, and Neveah Beyer, 9. The crash remains under investigation and CHP reports it is still unclear why Baker was driving northbound in the highway’s southbound lanes. POSTED 02.05.24

Let's Bring Coast Central Out of the Shadows

By Carrie Peyton-Dahlberg

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If, as the *Washington Post* suggests, democracy dies in darkness, then democracy can waste away in the shadows.

Coast Central Credit Union members — who are also its owners — deserve a full, healthy dose of sunlight. Members deserve election rules that don't discourage campaigning for a seat on the board of directors. Members deserve to know the vote tallies from the 2023 election. And members deserve directors who insist on seeing those vote counts.

The 2024 election is over, but transparency remains crucial for Coast Central, which has more than 75,000 members and is a significant force in our economy.

Coast Central's elections shouldn't be conducted in the shadows of campaign rules that try to restrict serious dialog to a 250-word candidate statement. In 2023, a "members voice" slate created a website using many more words to outline ways members could be more involved in policies, planning and meetings. This year, I didn't have room in my 250 words to discuss the impacts of failing to disclose vote counts. Next year someone might want to delve into Coast Central's fees, or board selection processes, or executive compensation.

The election rules were changed significantly last year, but now the board has three new members, all appointed after resignations that weren't publicly announced. Yes, three of the four incumbents on the 2024 ballot were appointed incumbents. In some ways that's a good thing. This updated board can revisit the election rules without feeling invested in them. As a first step, why not "strongly encourage fairness and diplomacy" in campaigns instead of discouraging campaigning "in the interests of fairness and diplomacy?" While the board is at it, some overly broad definitions of campaign misbehavior — like, oh, don't compare two things in a way that makes one look less valuable — are crying out for the junk heap, too.

This board should also actively seek vote counts. Vote tallies are data, and financial people should insist on data. In the 2023 election, two incumbents and one "members voice" slate member won.

We were given their names, but not their vote totals. Equally important, we were not given the vote totals of the four unsuccessful candidates. Yet just months later, the board weighed at least two of those four unsuccessful candidates for appointment. It bypassed a slate candidate to appoint a non-slate candidate, apparently without knowing which person voting members had preferred. Votes in a past election shouldn't be the only factor in board appointments. But closing your eyes to data about what voting members wanted is a very bad look.

Now, before three more seats come up for election in January of 2025, members can take four practical steps to strengthen Coast Central's democracy muscles.

First, mark Feb. 22 on your calendar and try to attend the annual meeting, scheduled for 6 p.m. at Coast Central offices, 2650 Harrison Ave., in Eureka. Please come with open-mindedness and respect for the current board of directors. Plan on asking polite questions if questions are allowed during the meeting. Plan on making polite suggestions if suggestions are allowed. If you are not allowed to ask questions or make suggestions during the meeting, quietly make a note of who said no to you, and why. That's essential information members will need to start improving things.

Second, make sure you can vote in 2025. If you're a member but never saw a ballot, you're not alone. Businesses, nonprofits and couples with shared accounts all need to take extra steps to be entitled to cast votes. Ask Coast Central now which steps apply to you.

Third, consider writing a letter to all nine directors if there is a change you would like to see. When I wrote to one individual, I got no response. But when I wrote to all the directors, I got a very nice phone call saying the board had discussed my suggestion and agreed to put notices about the 2024 election in each branch, including the deadline to vote and an image of the ballot envelope.

Fourth, if you value what Coast Central has done for you, consider giving back by applying for a seat on the board of directors. The board does not require previous financial expertise — just a will-

ingness to learn. It's important to apply soon, and to say that you are applying for 2025 or any seat that might become vacant if someone resigns. Vacancies can happen quietly. People who care about a democratic, transparent Coast Central need to be ready to step up. ●

Carrie Peyton-Dahlberg was a 2024 candidate for the board of directors, and she expects to learn the election outcome at the Feb. 22 annual meeting. She can be reached at cpeytondahlberg@outlook.com.

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Guaranteed Income

McKinleyville pilot program aims to change lives with dignity

By Kimberly Wear
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On Jan. 25, a group of Humboldt County residents participating in a guaranteed income pilot program received their first installment of \$920.

Known as the Humboldt Income Program and administered through the McKinleyville Family Resource Center, the monthly payments will continue for a year and a half to those enrolled after meeting certain requirements, including being in their first or second trimester of pregnancy and having an income at 200 percent of the federal poverty level or below.

And, recipients can spend the money anyway they choose — no strings attached.

After confirmation of the initial payment was posted on the HIP interactive communication platform, the reaction from those enrolled was immediate.

“Wow, thank you so much! I’m still in shock 🙏 huge stress relief for my family!”

“Thank you very much, God bless you.”

“I got my payment. I literally cried, thank you guys so much, a huge weight has been lifted from my shoulders.”

It was a milestone more than a year in the making after the nonprofit — the only applicant located in a rural area of the state to be selected — received one of seven California Department of Social Services grants to provide the cash payments as part of a poverty reduction effort.

But for the center’s Co-Executive Director Robin Baker, the moment was bittersweet.

While the overwhelming majority of

those who applied to participate after being referred by community partners including local tribal affiliates, health care clinics and safety net services, were qualified, the state requires all of the programs to have a control group.

That, Baker says, means some applicants are randomly assigned to receive the \$920 payments while others are selected to receive \$20. Both groups are being asked to participate in a series of voluntary surveys over the course of 18 months to track the impact of the additional funds on people’s lives.

Baker says it’s rewarding to see the program being so well-embraced by the community and early indications are that participants receiving the full amount are already seeing positive outcomes. But, she says, there are many others living on the financial brink in Humboldt County who also need the assistance, including those who applied — many of whom got their hopes up about being selected — but were placed in the control group.

“It is heartening to know that we’ve created something that both draws community interest and feels impactful for the

folks receiving it,” Baker says in an email to the *Journal*. “At the same time, it is difficult to hold that there are so many people who would benefit from this program who can’t yet access it. We’ve also heard from folks who were not selected for the program about the situations that they are in and how disappointing it was not to be selected.

“We are really excited about the impact of this pilot and we’re always assessing what we are doing to understand how it could be improved and how we might do better in the future,” she adds.

The state’s \$25 million foray into funding guaranteed income pilot programs across the state — including nearly \$2.4 million to the McKinleyville Family Resource Center — is rooted in the work of former Stockton Mayor Michael Tubbs, a special advisor on economic mobility and opportunity to Gov. Gavin Newsom who made headlines in 2019 after

starting one during his tenure leading the Central California city. A 2021 white paper on the impacts of the Stockton Economic Empowerment

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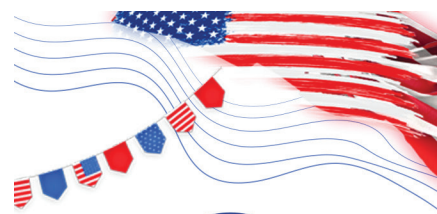
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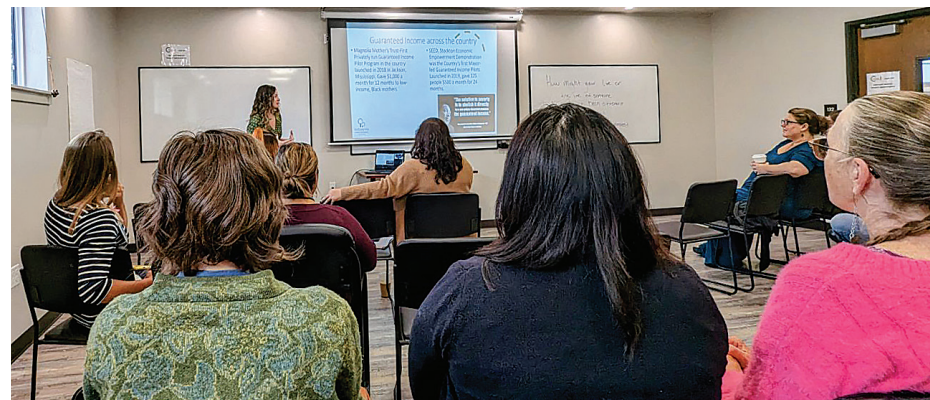
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An event at the center's conference room.

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Demonstration, or SEED, found that receiving \$500 a month for 24 months changed participants' lives in ways large and small, from enabling them to afford a dependable car that led to a better job or weather unexpected expenses to just freeing them of the constant stress of trying to make ends meet.

Others returned to school or were able to start saving for the first time.

Several Stockton parents interviewed said the payments translated into time they didn't have before "to engage with their children in small, but normal rites of passage that generated dignity and quality of life," according to the report, with one recipient describing how they were finally able to "breathe and do homework with them."

Another related how the money allowed them "to say yes to the ice cream instead of no. My kids have always heard no."

The report also found the largest spending category for participants was food, followed by utility bills, auto care and transportation, noting that "less than 1 percent of tracked purchases were for tobacco and alcohol."

"Nearly 4.5 million Californians live below the poverty line — not because of personal failures, but because of policy choices," Tubbs said in a news release from the governor's office. "It's far past time for us to end poverty in our state and the California Guaranteed Income Pilot Program is a critical step in doing that. We saw with the first mayor-led guaranteed income program that I ran in Stockton that guaranteed income is effective at increasing not just financial stability but also mental and physical health, parent-child relationships, and people's ability to strive for goals."

Each of the state-funded pilot programs, including the one in Humboldt, will be evaluated by the Urban Institute, a Washington, D.C., think tank that focuses on economic and social policy research,

Are You Eligible?

Applicants for the Humboldt Income Program need to meet four requirements:

- Being in their first or second trimester of pregnancy (under 28 weeks pregnant/through the end of the 27th week of pregnancy) at the time of referral
- 18 years old or older
- Living in Humboldt County
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Those unable to access one of the referral partners can call (707) 630-7882 or (707) 805-1657 or email HIP@McKFR.org.

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Source: McKinleyville Family Resource Center

as well as the University of California at Berkeley, according to Department of Social Services spokesperson Theresa Mier.

"Outcomes that will be studied and evaluated include health and overall well-being, financial stress, employment and education," she said in an email to the *Journal*. "The final report is currently slated to be completed in 2026."

All seven of the state's pilot programs will be providing guaranteed income payments to pregnant residents and children aging out of foster care, with the aim of assessing "the impact of an economic intervention during key life transitions," Mier said.

Back at the McKinleyville center, which serves as a one-stop shop for connecting Humboldt residents with services ranging from a Food for People pantry to assistance in applying for safety net programs in partnership with local tribes and other agencies, Baker says those established collaborations were integral in the center securing the state grant to start HIP.

During the summer of 2022 application process, many of those same partners — from the county Department of Health and Humans Services and Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Social Services to First Five Humboldt and Changing Tides Family Services and Partnership HealthPlan of California, along with others — wrote letters of support for bringing the program here.

"I think we are a community that cares about each other and we're very invested in each other's well-being," Baker says.

But, she notes, the application was just the first step. The center's acceptance set in motion a six-month window to raise \$1.1 million in matching philanthropic funds. That, Baker says, is an essential element of the program because integrating private funding allows the payments to be exempt from counting against other safety net services the recipients might be receiving, including CalFresh — formerly known as food stamps — and Medi-Cal, which would have diminished the intended purpose.

Again, Baker says, the community came through in helping to meet that mark, with Open Door, Humboldt Area Foundation and Footprint Foundation contributing large amounts to join \$930,000 coming in from the Guaranteed Income Pooled Fund, which was specifically started to provide matching funds for such programs.

In addition, she says, an individual in Fortuna donated \$43,000.

"One thing that I think is really exciting about Humboldt having a Guaranteed Income Pilot is that it gives our community a chance to think together about what stories we want to tell about our region," she says. "We have stories of poverty, of homelessness, or poor health outcomes, etc. We also have incredible stories about land return, cultural revitalization, community art and innovative solutions to community challenges. I hope that HIP illustrates that Humboldt is the kind of place where neighbors are committed to creating communities where every individual and family can have their basic needs

met, where we believe in the possibility of a place where every person and family can thrive. That's what I believe we are building together."

While an estimated 12 percent of Californians live in poverty, according to the U.S. Census, Humboldt County's numbers are bleaker, with an estimated 20 percent of households living below the federal poverty line — an annual income of about \$29,000 for a single individual and \$60,000

for a household of four. The county's median household income, meanwhile, comes in at \$53,000 compared to \$84,000 statewide.

In 2022, an average of 17,500 Humboldt County households, encompassing 27,000 individuals or one in five county residents, received CalFresh benefits, according to the California Department of Social Services. To qualify, a family of four had to make less than \$39,000 before taxes, while

a single individual's income threshold is just under \$19,000.

As of late January, a diverse cross section of 99 people from across the county were enrolled in the HIP, with another 67 placed in the \$20 per month control group, leaving 51 and 33 spots, respectively, open in each of the categories. Enrollment, which began in December on a referral-only basis, will remain open until

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Humboldt County Planning Department Analysis

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Along with the HIP being the only rural area in California to be selected to set up a pilot program, Baker says the local effort differs from others in the state in that it uses a referral system to enroll participants, helping build a level of trust between the program and those applying.

One of the issues the Stockton program found was some potential recipients were skeptical of the offer to apply that came in the mail, believing if it's too good to be true it probably is and dismissing the invitation as a scam.

Still, Baker says, probably "some people aren't going to believe it until (the payment) hits their bank account."

Another difference in the local program is that the McKinleyville center worked to exempt tribal members from having their HIP funds count against their eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs administered by local tribes. (Baker notes other state programs later followed this approach.)

While the center can help link people with an assortment of resources, she says, those predominantly come with restrictions and allow little or no individual choice.

Baker says she hopes to see more programs like the HIP offered because she adamantly believes individuals are experts in their own lives and best equipped to decide what they need.

"It's so exciting to be leading a program that comes from that space," she says.

Those who work first-hand with clients selected to participate say the first payment has already made a difference.

Isabella Wotherspoon, a perinatal case manager for Open Door Community Health Centers and a referring provider for the HIP, says many mothers in the demographic she serves are "already considered an at-risk and vulnerable population, medically speaking."

"Many things can, and do, complicate pregnancies, and the additional barriers presented by financial resource strain are certainly a glaring contributor to poor maternal health outcomes, throughout a patient's pregnancy and into the postpartum period," she says in an email.

Being able to access an additional \$920 without having their other benefits cut, she says, "is a truly progressive, and unfortunately rare, gift."

"This benefit has in some cases doubled, or even tripled, the monthly income for my clients, and has assisted them with garnering permanent, stable housing, ensured they have financial flexibility to take unpaid leave off work to attend their OB provider check-in appointments, assisted

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- Parents reported having more time to spend with their children.

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Robin Baker
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noting that her "clients have found the referral process very easy to complete." "We have one client that is a recipient of the monthly income and she stated, 'This is a life changer for me right now,'" Green says in an email. "One of our clients stated that if she were to receive the money, she would be able to pay for childcare so she can return to work. Another stated the money would allow her to afford childcare so she can start taking classes at (College of the Redwoods)."

"Most of our clients are lower income," she adds, "some with unstable living situations and this income can make a huge difference for them and their families."

In contrast to some of the other anti-poverty efforts the McKinleyville center helps administer, Baker says she sees guaranteed income programs like the HIP as a blueprint for changing people's lives in an empowering way.

"For me," she says, "it's about dignity, autonomy and trusting people." ●

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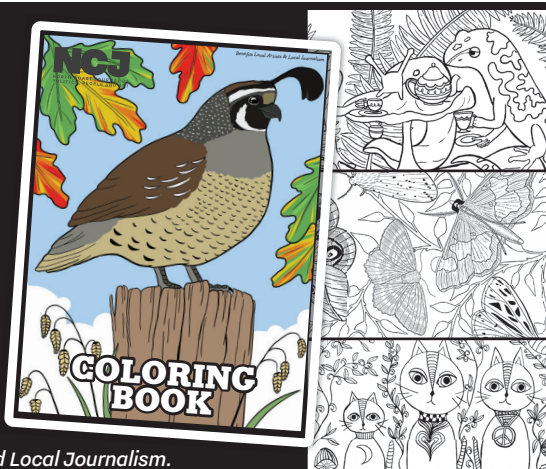
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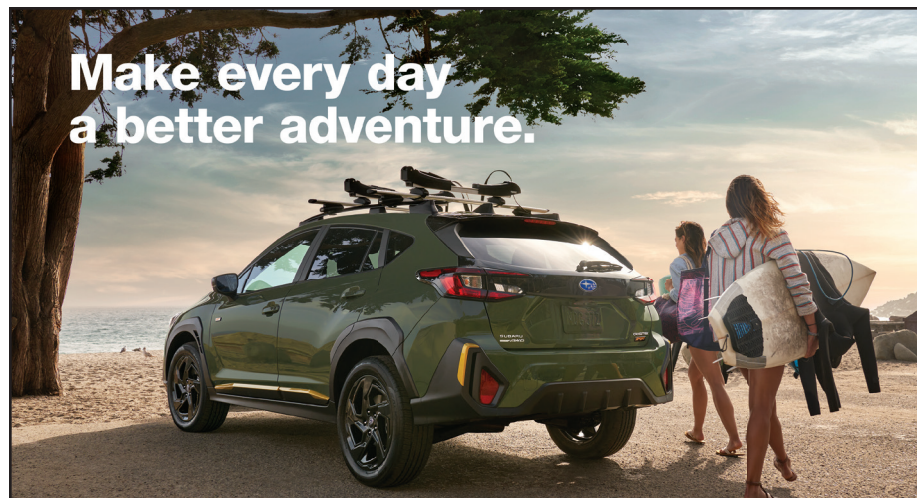
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A Dry(er) Trinidad to Clam Beach Run

By Mark Larson

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After days of rain, Mother Nature cooperated, providing beautiful, warm sunshine for the 58th annual Trinidad to Clam Beach Run Saturday, Feb. 3. A total of 584 runners and walkers showed up at the starting line in Trinidad for the 5.75-mile run/walk.

Given the ongoing rainfall this winter, race organizers were debating pre-race until Friday afternoon as to whether the traditional Little River water crossing would be possible and safe. But they decided the race was a go for Saturday using the traditional route: starting on Scenic Drive, crossing Little River and ending on Clam Beach.

Abe, a race volunteer with the Lost Coast 4x4 support crew, said their initial attempt to place the safety rope across Little River in the usual spot failed as the water was too deep, so they relocated a little farther downstream where the fast-flowing, cold water would only be waist deep for an adult.

By the 11 a.m. race time, with safety swimmers in wetsuits from the Coast Guard and the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department in place by the safety rope, the water crossing proved to be a challenge only for the smaller participants. However, many emerged chilled after being stuck in the cold river longer than

usual due to backups caused by people moving slowly and carefully.

Hosted by the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce, the race organizers offered chilled race finishers a chance to warm up by a bonfire with drinks and snacks, and a hot bowl of chili at the finish line on Clam Beach. The Cal Poly Humboldt Marching Lumberjacks provided live music at the finish line and, after the race ended, did their traditional march into the Pacific Ocean surf line while playing the “Rubber Ducky” song. Abe said he was a former member of the Marching Lumberjacks back in the early 1990s and described how they lost a bass drum in the surf one year. No losses were reported this year.

Bri Tiffany, of Arcata, was the first female runner to reach the Little River and to cross the finish line in 37:42 (10th place overall). Austin Nolan, of McKinleyville, arrived second at the Little River water crossing but finished the race as the overall winner with a time of 33:32. Find all race results at raceday.enmotive.com/#/events/58th-annual-trinidad-to-clam-beach-run-honoring-ford-hess-copy/results. ●



Bri Tiffany, of Arcata, was the first female runner to reach the Little River and then to cross the finish line in 37:42 (10th place overall).

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Former Humboldt State University All American Chuck Mullane, of Sunnyvale, arrived first at the Little River water crossing but finished in second place overall in the Trinidad to Clam Beach Run for the second year in a row at age 54. He did place first in the 50-59 age group with a time of 33:54.

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Race volunteers carried baskets of dry shoes and socks across the river that were then shuttled to the finish line to be picked up by participants.

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January 25, 2024 - The Humboldt Association of Realtors® annually honors three of their members with Realtor®, Rookie and Affiliate of the Year Awards.

Honored at the Association's annual installation dinner held in January at Bear River Resort & Casino in Loleta were **2023 Realtor® of the Year, Hannah Winans** of Trillium Realty Group; **2023 Rookie of the Year, Carla Diaz** of Cornerstone Realty and **2023 Affiliate of the Year, Kim Barrier** of Fairway Independent Mortgage.

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Hannah Winans, Realtor® of the Year joined the Humboldt Association of Realtors in 2003 and has been passionate about their career and the Real Estate industry ever since. Hannah has many special qualities that make her a wonderful Realtor® including her

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Carla Diaz, Rookie of the Year has been a Realtor® with Cornerstone Realty in Fortuna since May of 2021. Since then, she has jumped with both feet first into the Real

Estate world. Even as a Rookie agent, Carla has a drive that will take her far into the future and it will be true pleasure to watch her succeed.

Carla is very active in the community as well. She has been a Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, a Fortuna Fire Department volunteer, and a Fortuna Union High School Board member.

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Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder Slays

By Doranna Benker Gilkey

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A *Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* by Robet L. Freedman is a side-splittingly funny, dark-humored, self-aware and fast-paced romp of pure entertainment. The cast and crew at Ferndale Repertory Theatre pull out all the stops and hit all the marks right from the very start. They keep that energy up and the audience laughing throughout. Opening weekend, catchy tunes, campy action and surprising twists of plot kept me engaged from lights up to the finale.

We meet Lord Montague D'Ysquith Navarro (Jordan Dobbins) in his jail cell, awaiting possible execution. Facing an uncertain future, Navarro narrates his story through his memoir about how he went from impoverished commoner to Earl of Highhurst. He starts when his mother has just passed away. He is approached by an old friend of hers, Miss Shingle (Eliza Klinger Rouse) who reveals his mother's big secret: She was the disinherited daughter of a D'Ysquith, which technically puts him in line to an Earldom. Well, a rather long line, Miss Shingle admits, as eight people would have to die for him to become the ninth Earl of Highhurst. Navarro is sweet and unassuming, wishing only to improve his financial prospects (and maybe impress his girlfriend) when he reaches out to the powerful family asking for legitimacy and a job at their bank. With his initial entreaty to the D'Ysquiths denied, the pressure is on when his beloved Sibella (Jessy McQuade) scoffs at the idea of marrying below her station for love. We soon learn Navarro, desperate to prove his worth to Sibella and himself, is capable of murder. (That is not a spoiler. It's right there in the title.) The rest of the story follows Navarro's evolution from humble, harmless commoner to ruthless, scheming Earl, as he makes his way to Highhurst through eight D'Ysquith heirs (every one played by Andre LaRocque).

The quality of performance and production by the cast and crew cannot be overstated. The stage is set with another smaller raised stage, opulently framed and closed off by a shimmery red curtain. Navarro is introduced writing his memoir at a small desk and chair, sitting in contrast downstage and to the side of the cabaret promise of



Janine Redwine, Charles Young, Holly Portman, Erin Corrigan, Jordan Dobbins, Abi Camerino, Jessy McQuade and Andre LaRocque in *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* at Ferndale Repertory Theatre. Photo by Jessie Gelormino

the staged stage. The promise is kept every time the red curtain is raised to reveal one of Navarro's deadly deeds. Dobbins weaves disarming earnestness with unnerving ambition across his face and through his body to create a complex and charismatic evolution of Monty Navarro to Earl of Highhurst. His acting, voice and physical comedy are exemplary theater art. (I only rooted for a murderer because Dobbins made me do it.) He sets a high bar and every performer meets it. Rouse plays Miss Shingle as a disarming, yet mysterious instigator. LaRocque brings eight wildly different D'Ysquith characters to life (and some to death) on stage. He is equally adept at over-the-top caricatures and grounded, dignified characters. McQuade plays Navarro's love interest as a sexy, socially cynical, yet romantically hearted Sibella. McQuade commands the stage with rich, nuanced acting and voice performances. Phoebe (Holly Portman) is a D'Ysquith, but not an heir because, patriarchy, I guess. Portman infuses her with melodramatic flair, endearing forthrightness and a heavenly voice. She's an excellent foil to Sibella and completes the love triangle that pulls Navarro in two directions. That dynamic is played out literally in one of the funniest don't-let-them-see-each-other door scenes that had the audience roaring with laughter the night I attended.

The main characters are supported by a talented and cohesive ensemble. As chorus and supporting characters, they bring complexity, life and laughter to the production. Abi Camerino, Janine Redwine, Erin Corrigan, Jaiden Clark, Zack Preston Rouse and Charles Young each have an opportunity to showcase their talents with memorable characters.

Todd Hobrecht's direction brings all the characters fully into the space, filling the stage with a huge production without losing anyone. It's apparent he has created an environment that encourages everyone to bring their best. Likewise Finn Fergusin's choreography. Every number has life, expression and a snappy precision that lets the whole cast shine. Each D'Ysquith heir is unique and fully realized, not just

by LaRocque's impressive acting, but also with costumes and makeup. The backstage magic required to make that happen is performed by Denise Ryles, Rachel Houska and Sarah Traywick, billed as D'Ysquith Dressers. I would wager their work is a master class of organization, coordination and fast fasten-ing. The chorus and supporting characters also go through multiple costume changes, making the costumes a huge portion of the production. They are beautiful and rich, setting the story at the start of the 20th century in some fictional continental locale. Kudos for costume and makeup design that is expansive and cohesive at the same time.

This production of *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* is top notch. It's also a fun musical with easily followed action and catchy, approachable tunes that don't overwhelm dialogue. This is the perfect gateway production for enthusiasts to bring anybody who feels ambivalent about plays in general or musicals in particular. They're certain to become regular theatergoers by the time they catch their breath from laughing.

Ferndale Repertory Theatre's production of A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder continues Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Feb. 25. Call (707) 786-5483 or visit ferndalerep.org. ●

Doranna Benker Gilkey (she/her) is a local business owner and theater enthusiast who's still chuckling to herself over her favorite parts of this musical.

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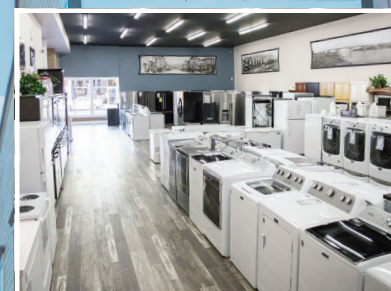
Redwood Curtain Theatre's *Hurricane Diane*, a comedy about the reincarnation of Greek god Dionysus, is the first of the shared season at The 5th & D Street Theater (formerly North Coast Repertory Theatre's sole stomping grounds). It opens Feb. 9 and runs through March 3. Call (707) 442-6278.

Also opening Feb. 9 is the comedy *Potato Gumbo*, about aging and culinary quests, at Exit Theatre. It runs through Feb. 18. Call (415) 203-2516.

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VENUE	THURS 2/8	FRI 2/9	SAT 2/10	SUN 2/11	M-T-W 2/12-2/14
ARCATA PLAYHOUSE 1251 Ninth St. (707) 822-1575			Alice Di Micele with Andy Casad (acoustic) 7 p.m. \$25, \$20 advance		
ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE 1036 G St. (707) 616-3030	Ocean Night: <i>She is the Ocean</i> (film) 6:30 p.m. \$5 suggested donation	Lil' Xan (rap) 8 p.m. \$45, \$35 advance	Minnesota (EDM) 9 p.m. \$20 advance		
THE BASEMENT 780 Seventh St., Arcata (707) 845-2309	Blueberry Hill Boogie Band (good times rock and soul) 8-11 p.m. Free	Absynth Quartet (indie bluegrass) 9 p.m.-midnight \$5	Red Room (DJs) 9 p.m.-midnight \$5		[W] Trinidaddies - Valentine's Day (DJs/live performance) 8 p.m. \$5
BAYSIDE COMMUNITY HALL 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd., Arcata (707) 822-9998			Keep Farmers Farming w/Brett McFarland, DJ Goldylocks 5-11 p.m. \$20 suggested		
BEAR RIVER CASINO RESORT 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta (707) 733-9644		Tish Non Ballroom: Kiss Revisited - A Tribute to Kiss 8 p.m. \$25, Thirsty Bear: Comedy Night 8 p.m. Free, DJ Statik (modern mix) 9 p.m. Free	Thirsty Bear: Mojo Rockers (classic hits) 9 p.m. Free	Thirsty Bear: Karaoke Sundays 9 p.m. Free	[W] Thirsty Bear: Bootz N Beers (country music/line dancing lessons) 7-9 p.m. Free
BLUE LAKE CASINO WAVE LOUNGE 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake (707) 668-9770		Wave: Dr. Squid (dance hits) 9 p.m. Free	Sapphire: '80s Murder Mystery Dinner dinner/mystery fundraiser) 6 p.m. \$100, Wave: Under the Influence (classic rock) 9 p.m. Free		[T] Wave: Reel Genius Trivia. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free
CENTRAL STATION SPORTS BAR 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-2013		Karaoke 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free			[M] Pool Tournament 6 p.m., [W] Karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight Free
CHER-AE HEIGHTS CASINO FIREWATER LOUNGE 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad (707) 677-3611		Firewater: TBA 9 p.m. Free	Firewater: Dr. Squid (dance hits) 9 p.m. Free		[T] Karaoke 8 p.m. Free
CRISP LOUNGE 2029 Broadway, Eureka, (707) 798-1934	Up in Joke! Comedy Open Mic 8-10 p.m. Free			Open Mic Night (15-minute time slot) 6:30 p.m. Free	[M] Pete's Projecting Again! (comedy/variety) 7-9 p.m. \$5, [T] Pool Tournament 6 p.m. \$10, [W] Kara-Smokey! 7 p.m. Free
DELL'ARTE 131 H St., Blue Lake, (707) 668-5663			Home Cookin', The Appliances (rock, reggae, soul, blues) 7:30 p.m. \$15		
EUREKA THEATER 612 F St. (707) 442-2970			<i>The Princess Bride</i> (1987) (film) 7:30 p.m. TBA		
EUREKA VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL 1018 H St. (707) 443-5341					[T] Humboldt Comedy Open Mic 7-10 p.m. Free
HUMBOLDT BREWS 856 10th St., Arcata (707) 826-2739		Mickey Avalon, Blake Banks (rap) 9 p.m. \$30, \$25			
THE JAM 915 H St., Arcata (707) 822-4766	Hip Hop Thursdays (DJ) 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Free		Power of Gayskull: Queer Dance Party (DJs) 9 p.m. \$10 w/costume		[M] Karaoke 9 p.m. Free, [W] Weds Night Ting (DJs)
THE LOGGER BAR 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake					[T] Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday Celebration with Dogbone (feral jazz) Free
THE MADRONE TAPHOUSE 421 Third St., Eureka (707) 273-5129					[W] Reel Genius Trivia. 6-8 p.m. Free
MINIPLEX 401 I St., Arcata (707) 630-5000	Karaoke 8:30 p.m. two-drink minimum	Burlesque Karaoke 7-10 p.m. \$15, \$12 advance	Disco Night: Pink Party (DJs) 9 p.m. \$5-\$10	Karaoke 8:30 p.m. two-drink minimum	
MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA FORTUNA 1095 S Fortuna Blvd., Suite 48, (707) 777-7550					[T] Reel Genius Trivia. 6-8 p.m. Free
THE OUTER SPACE ARCATA 837 H St. (707) 633-9160			Vegan Slaughterhouse, The Groomers, Brain Dead Rejects, Heart Eyes (punk) 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$10 sliding		
MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA MCKINLEYVILLE 1500 Anna Sparks Way, (707) 203-8500					[W] Reel Genius Trivia. 6-8 p.m. Free
NORTHTOWN COFFEE 1603 G St., Arcata (707) 633-6187					[T] Word Humboldt Spoken Word Open Mic, 6-9 p.m. Free

VENUE	THURS 2/8	FRI 2/9	SAT 2/10	SUN 2/11	M-T-W 2/12-2/14
PALE MOON BREWING COMPANY 600 F St. Suite 7, Arcata (949) 351-1518			Lunar Laughs #2 - Comedy Night 8 p.m. \$5		
THE PUB AT THE CREAMERY 824 L St., Suite A, Arcata (707) 630-5178					[W] Wave: Reel Genius Trivia. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free
REDWOOD CURTAIN BREWERY 550 South G St., Arcata (707) 826-7222			Seabury Gould and Evan Morden (Celtic) 6-9 p.m. Free		
REDWOOD CURTAIN BREWERY MYRTLE AVE. TASTING ROOM, 1595 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, (707) 269-7143	Live Music Thursdays 6-9 p.m. Free				
ROCKSLIDE BAR & GRILL 5371 State Route 299, Hawkins Bar	Jimi Jeff Jam Nite (Hendrix, Prince, funk, blues) 7:30 p.m. Free				
SAVAGE HENRY COMEDY CLUB 415 Fifth St., Eureka (707) 845-8864	Drink & Draw 6 p.m. Free, The Deposition - A True Story Telling Show 8 p.m. pay what you feel"	Cory Showtime Robinson (stand-up comedy) 9-11 p.m. \$15, Braturday Night Live 11 p.m. \$5	Cory Showtime Robinson (stand-up comedy) 9-11 p.m. \$15, Braturday Night Live 11 p.m. \$5	Comedy Church 1-3 p.m. Free, Comedy Open Mic 9 p.m. Free	[M] Evan Vest's "Let's Watch..." <i>The Room</i> (film) 9-11 p.m., [T] Judge J. Jamison (comedy) 9-11 p.m. Free
SIREN'S SONG TAVERN 325 Second St., Eureka (707) 442-8778		BubbleGum Doom w/Fox Medicine, IT&I, Death Doula 9 p.m.-midnight \$10		Second Sunday Deadhead Jamdown hosted by Dan Murphy 3-7 p.m. Free	[T] Siren's Sessions Open Jam 8 p.m. Free [W] Wicked Wednesday Comedy 8 p.m. Free
SPEAKEASY 411 Opera Alley, Eureka (707) 444-2244		Friday Night Jazz 8-10 p.m. Free	Jenni and David and the Sweet Soul Band (soul, funk) 7-10 p.m. Free		[T] Tuesday Night Jazz 7-10 p.m. Free
TRINIDAD TOWN HALL 409 Trinity St.					[W] A Valentine's Evening Celebration of Love w/the Tidepool High Divers 6-10 p.m. \$30, \$55 for two
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Heaven or Las Vegas

By Collin Yeo

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I'm making myself laugh imagining the story of a man who manages to completely ruin his life in next week's pummeling four-day gauntlet of Super Bowl Sunday, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day. One could argue there's a break Monday but that's just for casuals. Win or lose, a team's fans need a day to come down/sober up and settle up with the bookies. And if you're in carnival territory, Lundi Gras is never a day off. The entire story of a life could be told starting with the orgiastic bloodsport of youth, the nihilistic partying of Mardi Gras afterward, followed by finding (and losing) romantic love, and solemn atonement and reconciliation with a greater moral order in a violent universe.

Not for me, though; I gave up heavy liquor drinking and, while I no longer live in New Orleans, the Saints remain my team. So while I'm rooting for the Niners, I won't be crushed either way. And this year, at least, I have a plan for love and penitence. Whether I stick the landing remains to be seen but it's (hopefully) a better ending than the guy I invented in the first sentence.

Have a safe one.

Thursday

The Basement hosts one of Humboldt County's musical oddities this evening at 8 p.m., a little trio-plus called **The Blueberry Hill Boogie Band**. I say "trio-plus" because in addition to the fine musicians on hand, there's a homemade jukebox that allows the audience to pick tunes from the group's expansive songbook of pop, rock and jazz through the decades. This band is a treasure and worth your time, which is all you have to pay to hear them, as there's no cover at the door.

Friday

Portland, Oregon's **Fox Medicine** is a metal band with bright imagery, referring to their genre as "bubblegum doom." Which is fairly on the mark, as far as I can recall from the last time I caught their act when they rolled through town. Tonight these glossy blitz-makers will be posted up at the Siren's Song Tavern, with support from **It & I** and **Death Doula**. Think of it as a metal show with pink frills. Doors open at 8 p.m., \$10 to get inside.

If you're looking for a different scene, a noted face-tattooed rapper who caught

The Blueberry Hill Boogie Band plays the Basement on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m.
Photo courtesy of the artists



fame in the last decade — when kids were putting out tracks on Sound-Cloud, eating benzos like candy and giving themselves the stage prefix “Lil” like they were emissaries from Munchkinland — is in town. I’m of course talking about **Lil Xan**, who has since cleaned up his pill issues but still holds onto everything else that made him popular six years ago. It’s good fun for those who dig it and the Arcata Theatre Lounge is the absolute correct venue. Doors at 8 p.m., and the tickets

are as follows: \$45 general admission, \$35 advance and \$250 for bottle service spots.

Saturday

The Outer Space is hosting a Punks for Palestine benefit show tonight at 7:30 p.m., with bands **Vegan Slaughterhouse**, **The Groomers**, **Brain Dead Rejects** and **Heart Eyes** putting in their best effort for a good cause. The door is \$5-\$10 sliding scale, and the proceeds go to the American Near East Refugee Aid, providing relief for the affected civilians of Palestine and Lebanon, or as the government of Israel refers to them, “legitimate military targets.”

Later on at Humbrews at 9 p.m., rough and sleazy rapper and street survivor **Mickey Avalon** is back in town to show us all that he ain’t down yet. Singer **Blake Banks** is on board, too (\$30, \$25 advance).

Super Bowl Sunday

I thought about showcasing some of the jams and theatrical productions happening today, but with absolutely no offense directed at those live events or the people out there interested in anything other than football, I apologize. The home team is playing in the big game this year and I’d be lying if I said I had my mind on anything else. Forgive me for a lack of bandwidth, and for the disorientation caused by once again revisiting a Chiefs/Niners showdown during an election year with two of the worst candidates since “flayed alive” and “scaphism” were taken off the ballot.

Monday

Comedian **Evan Vest** is holed up at Savage Henry Comedy Club for one of his curated movie screenings. This evening’s fare happens to be one of the worst films ever made, a movie so baffling and terrible that an entire cult industry has cropped up over the last two decades since its release. I am of course talking about director Tommy Wiseau’s **The Room**, a true classic buttressed as much by the sheer oddness of Wiseau’s presence as it is by the bizarreness of the flick. He lives in this movie, his presence is everywhere and no, this is not meant as a compliment. The show starts at 9 p.m. and there is no cover.

Tuesday, Mardi Gras

From the heavy side of the jam band world of yesteryear comes one of the few groups in that genre whose work made it into rotation in my truck when I was in my 20s. **Gov’t Mule** is a powerhouse led by ace guitarist Warren Haynes, a man with the deft country-gentleman picking of an Allman Brother and the heavy low end riffage of Black Sabbath’s Tony Iommi. This group is masterful, and will be doing its thing at the Van Duzer Theatre at 8 p.m. There’s a wide range of ticket options, so keep an eye out for where you fit in: \$30-\$60 general admission, \$10-\$30 for Cal Poly Humboldt students.

Wednesday, Valentine’s Day, Ash Wednesday

Depending on what your personal belief system involves, today is either just another hump day (I mean the middle of the week, not the other thing), the beginning of Lent and/or the most romantic day of the year. I make no judgment, only merely speculate that there are a lot of different ways to perceive today. For my own part, I’m staying indoors, with both solemnity and sweetness (any further description is none of your business). However, if you do want to go out, the Basement is hosting the broad collective and queer party troupe **Trinidadiddies**, with music by **DJ Anya**, **Chef Trev** and live performances by **Gliterous Cliterous** and **Garlic Bread**. Fun starts at 8 p.m. and \$10 gets you into the subterranean zone. ●

Collin Yeo (he/him) wants the 49ers to win and both presidential candidates to lose. He lives in Arcata.



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Humboldt Marble Weekend brings together artists and collectors to celebrate contemporary marbles and marble hunting **Feb. 10-11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the **Wharfinger Building** (\$5, free for 12 and under). Festivities kick off **Friday, Feb. 9**, with the **Marble Makers Ball at the Glass Garage** (215 C St., Eureka), where more than 20 glass artists will collaboratively create a marble to be exhibited at the Clarke Historical Museum, and attendees can enjoy a vegetarian chili feed and beverages for purchase (free admission). The whole weekend is a perfect outing for families, offering marble games, glass-blowing demos, live music, marble vendors and a massive marble and token hunt. More details at humboldt-marbleweekend.com.



Photo by Calder Johnson

Hurricane Diane, Redwood Curtain Theatre's first show at the newly minted **5th and D Street Theater** (300 Fifth St., Eureka), opens this weekend, with shows **Friday, Feb. 9**, and **Saturday, Feb. 10**, at **8 p.m.**, and **Sunday, Feb. 11**, at **2 p.m.** (\$20, \$18 seniors/students). Madeleine George's Obie-winning play tells the tale of Diane, a charismatic permaculture gardener who harbors a secret identity: She is actually the Greek god Dionysus. Diane has returned to the modern world to gather mortal followers — starting with four suburban New Jersey housewives — and restore the Earth to its natural state. Tickets at redwoodcurtain.com. Runs through March 3.



The Tidepool High Divers. Submitted

Treat your special someone to **A Valentine's Evening Celebration of Love** on **Feb. 14** from **6 p.m. to 10 p.m.** at **Trinidad Town Hall**. Enjoy appetizers, desserts and dancing to live music by the Tidepool High Divers from 8 to 10 p.m. A no-host wine and beer bar will be available along with a raffle and silent auction. Tickets are \$25 each or \$45 for couples prior to Feb. 10. Prices increase by \$5 after. Supports the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse Project.

8 Thursday

ART

(UU)ater :: Exhibition. 12-5 p.m. Brenda Tuxford Gallery, 422 First St., Eureka. This exhibit explores the theme of water as an aspect of Utopian Universals. Presented by the Utopian Megapraxis collective for the release of the (UU)ater zine, with free copies of the zine release available. Free. stephenmathewnachtigall@gmail.com.

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

EVENTS

Ocean Night. 6:30-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. *She is the Ocean* is a film about nine women with a passion for the ocean and the protection of the sea. Proceeds support local environmental programs and ocean conservation projects. \$5 suggested donation. humboldt@surfrider.org. arcatatheatre.com. (707) 613-3030.

GARDEN

Honey Bee Swarming Mechanics. 6-8 p.m. Humboldt County Agriculture Center, 5630 South Broadway, Eureka. John Winzler covers how honey bee colonies reproduce and leave old colonies with swarming. Free. cause4paws@yahoo.com. humboldtbeekeepers.org/permalink/7017188721649624. (707) 444-8804.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. Wilderness immersion program for teens and adults. Explore trails and share mindfulness practices, group conversation and other eco-therapeutic activities. Adults meet Thursdays, teens meet one Saturday a month. Transportation provided for Eureka residents. Please pre-register. Free. swood2@eurekaca.gov. eureka-heroes.org. (707) 382-5338.

9 Friday

ART

(UU)ater :: Exhibition. 12-5 p.m. Brenda Tuxford Gallery, 422 First St., Eureka. See Feb. 8 listing.

Arts! Arcata. Second Friday of every month, 4-8 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Businesses all across Arcata stay open late with music, art on display, live art and more. gloria@arcatachamber.com. arcatachamber.com. (707) 897-6004.

BOOKS

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

THEATER

Hurricane Diane. 8 p.m. 5th and D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. Tale of the Greek God Dionysus reincarnated as Diane, a clever gardener with a covert mission to enchant mortals and restore our planet. \$20, \$18 seniors/students. ncrt.net.

Potato Gumbo. 7 p.m. EXIT Theatre, 890 G St., Arcata. A touching and comic look at aging through Gretchen, who tries to get from her Central Texas "active senior living" community to the New Orleans School of Cooking. \$20, \$30 for two Valentine's Day tickets including champagne.

EVENTS

Humboldt Marble Weekend. Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka. Dozens of artists and thousands of collectors come together for a weekend celebration of contemporary marbles and marble hunting. humboldt-marbleweekend.com.

Marble Makers Ball. 6-9 p.m. The Glass Garage, 215 C Street - Mendenhall Studios, Eureka. More than 20 glass

artists collaboratively create a marble to be exhibited at the Clarke Museum. Vegetarian chili feed. Beer, cider and wine available for purchase. Family friendly. Part of Humboldt Marble Weekend. Free admission.

FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

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GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Help with animal care, weeding, watering, planting and occasional harvest help on Saturday mornings. Volunteers get free produce. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

MEETINGS

Language Exchange Meetup. Second Friday of every month, 5-7 p.m. Familia Coffee, 1350 Ninth St., Arcata. Speak your native language. Teach someone a language. Learn a language. familiacoffees.com/. (925) 214-8099.

10 Saturday

BOOKS

Betty Kwan Chinn Book Signing. 4 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 1428 H St., Eureka. Signing for *The Grey Bird Sings* and conversation with Chinn and author Karen

M. Price. Solo by tenor David Powell. Sushi and wine provided by Bayfront One, Betty's Blend coffee provided by Jitterbean. Benefits the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation.

MUSIC

Alice Di Miele with Andy Casad. 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Singer/songwriter/guitarist Di Miele and her accompanist, award winning finger-style guitarist Casad, present an evening of acoustic music and celebration of the Lunar New Year. \$25, \$20 advance. arcataplayhouse.org.

Cal Poly Humboldt Music Honors Recital. 8 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Performances by Department of Dance, Music and Theatre students who gave polished performances on their instruments the previous semester. \$10, \$5 child, free for CPH students w/ID.

The Hand That Rules the Heart. 7 p.m. Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside. Classical music concert benefit for Hospice of Humboldt. \$20. huuf.org.

Home Cookin', The Appliances. 7:30 p.m. Dell'Arte, 131 H St., Blue Lake. Dell'Arte International hosts a lively concert benefit for the school with two local dance bands. Concessions will be available onsite. Ages 21 and up. Tickets online. \$15. dellarte.com.

Keep Farmers Farming. 5-11 p.m. Bayside Grange, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. A benefit concert presented by the No on Measure A: Committee to Protect Small Farmers. Doors at 5 p.m. for dinner and drinks, music at 7 p.m. with Brett McFarland. DJ Goldylocks at 9 p.m. \$20 suggested, includes dinner, kids eat free. defeatmeasurea@gmail.com. fb.me/e/5687Bqdnw. (707) 599-6670.

The Princess Bride. 7:30 p.m. Eureka Theater, 612 F St. A fairy tale adventure about a beautiful young woman and her one true love. Doors at 6:30 p.m. theeurekatheater.org.

THEATER

And Then There Was One. 6 p.m. Kimtu Cookhouse, Camp Kimtu, Willow Creek. The Dream Quest Drama Club perform an Agatha Christie-style play that will delight young and old alike. WillowCreekCSD.com.

Hurricane Diane. 8 p.m. 5th and D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. See Feb. 9 listing.

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Lunar New Year - Chinese Expulsion Memorial. 12-3 p.m. Charlie Moon Alley, E St. between Fourth and Fifth streets, Eureka. Informal gathering at Chinatown in remembrance of the 1885 Chinese Expulsions and to celebrate the year of the Dragon. Community-built memorial altar, burning joss and incense and offerings.

'80s Murder Mystery Dinner. 6 p.m. Sapphire Palace, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. Win cash prizes for solving the mystery. Benefits the empowerment of women and girls locally and globally. Hosted by Soroptimist International of Eureka. \$100. www.bluelakecasino.com.

Rotary Yahtzee Tournament. 6-9 p.m. Sequoia Conference Center, 901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka. Compete for cash prizes, table prizes and a trophy. Dorris & Daughter pasta bar dinner. No-host cocktails, wine and beer. Tournament at 7 p.m. Benefits We Are Up Project. Ages 21 and up. Presented by Old Town Eureka Rotary and Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka. \$150, \$1,200-\$5,000/ table sponsorships. swrotary.org.

FOR KIDS

Tiempo de Cuentos/Spanish Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Fortuna Library, 753 14th St. *Cultiven la alfabetización temprana en sus niños con cuentos, canciones, rimas y diversión. Todos son bienvenidos, diseñado para edades 2-6 años. Aproximadamente 20-30 minutos.* Grow early literacy skills with stories, songs, rhymes and fun. All are welcome. Best suited for children 2-6 years old. Free/gratis.

FOOD

Farm Stand. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Table Bluff Farm, 101 Clough Road, Loleta. Regeneratively grown seasonal veggies, flowers, meats and other items made by Humboldt County locals and small businesses. Cash, card, Venmo, Apple Pay and soon to accept EBT payments. info@tableblufffarm.com. TableBluffFarm.com. (707) 890-6699.

Pancake Breakfast. 9 a.m.-noon. Salvation Army, 2123 Tydd Street, Eureka. Pancake Breakfast fundraiser to benefit youth programs. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, and coffee will be served. Children/Seniors \$5 and Adults \$8. stephanie.wonnacott@usw.salvationarmy.org. (707) 442-6475.

Sea Goat Farmstand. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Fresh veggies grown on site, local eggs and sourdough bread. Work from local artists and artisans. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

GARDEN

Eureka Dog Park Volunteer Work Day. 10-11:30 a.m. Eureka Dog Park, Watson Drive. Help spread mulch, pick up litter and poo, and rehab the side trail with gravel. Free. hatwood@eurekaca.gov. empowereureka.org/events/eureka-dog-park-volunteer-day. (707) 441-4206.

Introduction to Permaculture Design. 1-2 p.m. Redcrest Community Center, 115 Sorenson Road. Southern Humboldt Garden Club presents Marlon Gil of Rainshine Permaculture Homestead and Nursery. Learn about holistic homestead design, ecological forest gardening and more. Refreshments provided. Free. (707) 722-4364.

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See Feb. 9 listing.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Secret Garden Society's Love is in the Air Pop Up Artisans Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Pop Up Artisan Market, 100 W. Harris Ave., Eureka. A two-day pop up artisans market offering diverse range of handmade gifts. Free admission. info@secretgardensociety.org. secretgardensociety.org/collections/calendar-of-events.

Valentine's Day Craft Fair. 10:03 p.m. Dow's Prairie Grange Hall, 3995 Dow's Prairie Road, McKinleyville. Browse for something special for that someone special or for yourself. Free. 501.humboldt.grange@gmail.com. fb.me/e/74eQj1BR. (707) 840-0100.

MEETINGS

Woodturners Meeting. Second Saturday of every month, 1-3 p.m. Almquist Lumber Company, 5301 Boyd Road, Arcata. Beginning and experienced turners exchange ideas, instruction and techniques. Themed project demo, show-and-tell opportunities and Q&A. This month's topic is off center bowl turning. Free. redcoastturners@gmail.com. (707) 633-8147.

OUTDOORS

Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Bird Walk. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Bring binoculars and meet trip leader Bob Battagin at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) for easy-to-walk

trails, bay views and a range of overwintering birds. Free. rras.org.

Dune Restoration Volunteer Day. Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Restore the biodiversity of the coastal dunes with the team. Snacks and tools provided. Meet at the center a few minutes before 10 a.m. Free. info@friendsofthedunes.org. friendsofthedunes.org. (707) 444-1397.

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Sharon Levy at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on Marsh history, wastewater treatment, birds and/or ecology. Free. (707) 826-2359.

Habitat Improvement Team Volunteer Workday. Second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Help restore habitat by removing invasive, non-native plants and maintaining native plant areas. Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed-toe shoes. Bring drinking water. Tools, gloves and snack provided. denise_seeger@fws.gov. fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay. (707) 733-5406.

ETC

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Enjoy a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

11 Sunday

THEATER

And Then There Was One. 1 p.m. Kimtu Cookhouse, Camp Kimtu, Willow Creek. See Feb. 10 listing.

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. 2 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. A murderous romp filled with music, comedy and one actor playing all eight doomed heirs for an earldom. \$18, \$16 seniors/students. ferndalerep.org.

Hurricane Diane. 2 p.m. 5th and D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. See Feb. 9 listing.

Potato Gumbo. 3 p.m. EXIT Theatre, 890 G St., Arcata. See Feb. 9 listing.

EVENTS

Chocolate, Music and Art. Trinidad Art Gallery, 490 Trinity St. Live music will be played by harpist Howdy Emerson from 1 to 3 p.m. Silkpainter Amanita Mollier, jeweler Susan Kohl and stained glass artist Colleen Clifford. trinidadartgallery.com.

Humboldt Marble Weekend. Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka. See Feb. 9 listing.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Secret Garden Society's Love is in the Air Pop Up Artisans Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Pop Up Artisan Market, 100 W. Harris Ave., Eureka. See Feb. 10 listing.

OUTDOORS

Humboldt Bay NWR Guided Field Trip. Second Sunday of every month, 9-11 a.m. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Meet leader Ralph Bucher at the visitor center for this 2-mile walk along a

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12 Monday

MOVIES

Evan Vest's "Let's Watch ..." *The Room*. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Film about a banker whose fiancée gets bored of him and seduces his best friend. savagehenrycomedy.com.

ELECTIONS

District 3 Candidate Forum. 7-8 p.m. Board of Supervisor Candidates for District 3, including Mike Wilson and Rogelio "Roy" Gomez. On KEET-TV. leaguehumboldt@gmail.com. [youtube.com/channel/UCB0PweYtBgghde-JEio5yPZA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB0PweYtBgghde-JEio5yPZA). (707) 444-9252.

ETC

Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/homesharing. (707) 442-3763.

13 Tuesday

DANCE

Baywater Blues Fusion Dance. 7:15-9:15 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. Half hour dance lesson followed by social dancing. Come solo or with a friend to learn and enjoy partner dancing to blues and

modern music. \$5-\$15 sliding, free for kids 12 and under. baywaterbluesfusion@gmail.com. [facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089815497848](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089815497848). (707) 496-4056.

MUSIC

Gov't Mule. Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Grammy-nominated blues band. \$10-\$60.

SPOKEN WORD

Word Humboldt Spoken Word Open Mic. 6-9 p.m. Northtown Coffee, 1603 G St., Arcata. Sign up list goes up at 6 p.m., and the open mic kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Two rounds of open mic poetry and a featured poet. Everyone is welcome, especially new performers. LGBTQ+ friendly. Free. [instagram.com/wordhum](https://www.instagram.com/wordhum).

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

ETC

Disability Peer Advocate Group. Second Tuesday of every month, 3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Peer advocates supporting each other and furthering the disability cause. Email for the Zoom link. alissa@tilinet.org.

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BOOKS

Authors Celebration. 3-5 p.m. Cal Poly Humboldt Library, 1 Harpst St., Arcata. Tenth annual celebration of students, staff, faculty, emeriti and alumni published in 2023. Free. press@humboldt.edu. authors.humboldt.edu/.

LECTURE

"California Desert Plants: Ecology and Diversity". 7:30-8:30 p.m. Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Road, Arcata. Michael Kauffmann, co-author of *California Desert Plants*, presents desert landscapes through their diverse, colorful and dynamic flora. Refreshments served at 7 p.m. northcoastcnps.org/.

THEATER

Potato Gumbo. 7 p.m. EXIT Theatre, 890 G St., Arcata. See Feb. 9 listing.

ELECTIONS

District 1 Candidate Forum. 7-8 p.m. Board of Supervisors Candidates for District 1, including Rex Bohn, Gordon Clatworthy and Gerald McGuire. On KEET-TV. leaguehumboldt@gmail.com. youtube.com/channel/UCB0PweYtBgghdeJEio5yPZA. (707) 444-9252.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See Feb. 9 listing.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

For the Love of Zinfandel - A Valentine's Day Wine Tasting. 5:30-8 p.m. HealthSPORT by the Bay, 411 First St., Eureka. Zinfandel wine and cheese tasting event with wine educator, consultant and writer Pam Long. Includes a short educational slideshow. \$15, \$25/couple. healthsport.com/. (707) 268-8220.

A Valentine's Evening Celebration of Love. 6-10 p.m. Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. Dine and dance with loved ones and friends. Music by the Tidepool High Divers. Appetizers and desserts. No-host wine and beer bar. Raffle and silent auction. \$25, \$45 for two; \$30, \$55 for two after Feb. 10 and at the door.

15 Thursday

ART

(UU)ater :: Exhibition. 12-5 p.m. Brenda Tuxford Gallery, 422 First St., Eureka. See Feb. 8 listing.

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See Feb. 8 listing.

MUSIC

Canta, Violino! 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Canta, Violino! is the brainchild of American violinist Andrew Finn Magill. Choro was the first popular Brazilian music, emerging in the 1870s, and is the precursor to samba, bossa nova and modern popular Brazilian music. \$18. info@arcataplayhouse.org. playhousearts.org/events. (707) 822-1575.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. See Feb. 8 listing.

Heads Up ...

Entries now being accepted for Student Bird Art Contest. Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Redwood Region Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Student Bird Art Contest in conjunction with the Godwit Days

Spring Migration Bird Festival. Up to \$650 in prizes may be awarded to Humboldt County students from kindergarten through high school who submit a drawing of one of 40 suggested species or another locally seen bird. Complete rules to submit entries, plus a list of suggested birds to draw, is posted at godwitdays.org or can be picked up at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center. Entries must be received by 5 p.m., March 23. Questions should be e-mailed to sueleskiw1@gmail.com.

Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring its 19th annual Student Nature Writing Contest. Up to six cash prizes will be awarded for the best essay(s) or poem(s) on "What Nature Means to Me" by Humboldt or Del Norte County students in grades 4 through 12. Deadline is March 23. More info at rras.org, godwitdays.org or at the Marsh Interpretive Center. Email questions to sueleskiw1@gmail.com.

The Humboldt Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is seeking applications for its Edilith Eckart/Jene McCovey Memorial Peace Scholarship. The scholarship grants support projects that promote peace and social and environmental justice locally or globally. Grants range from \$150-\$500. Applications due April 1. More info at wilpfhumboldt.wordpress.com/scholarship-information/.

Area 1 Agency on Aging and Senior Planet seek volunteers to equip older adults in Del Norte and Humboldt counties with essential technological skills. Volunteers should be comfortable with basic device use and online navigation. Contact volunteer@alaa.org, visit alaa.org to complete a Volunteer Interest Form, or call (707) 502-7688.

Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation announce the HAF+WRFC 2024 scholarship season through March 4. For more information and to access the online Universal Application, visit ScholarshipFinder.org.

Volunteers are needed to help the Eureka Emergency Overnight Warming Center. Sign up at us11.list-manage.com/survey?u=ec8e886b7cc3cc023d2beee76&id=c-54604c013&e=ad03f624d3.

Teen Court Adult Mentor volunteers needed. Volunteers needed in Fortuna and Eureka. Help student advocates prep for cases and assist with the hearing process. You do not have to be an attorney, just a caring community member. Volunteer in Fortuna on Wednesday afternoons or in Eureka on Thursday afternoons. Contact hcteencourt@bgcredwoods.org or (707) 444-0153.

College of the Redwoods' multilingual literary journal *Personas* is accepting submissions of original poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, essays and art reflecting the experience of multilingualism. Writers need not be multilingual to contribute; writings may be multilingual, bilingual or monolingual. Submission period closes at midnight on March 16. For more information, email jonathan-maiullo@redwoods.edu.

Area 1 Agency on Aging seeks volunteers to help with rides to medical appointments, educate and assist people to make informed decisions about Medicare options, advocate for residents in nursing homes, assist with matching home providers and home seekers, or teach technology training to older adults. Apply at alaa.org/volunteer-interest-form/.

Become a volunteer at Hospice of Humboldt. For more information about becoming a volunteer or about services provided by Hospice of Humboldt, call (707) 267-9813 or visit hospiceofhumboldt.org.

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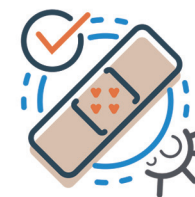
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Zone of Interest's Horrors, Seen and Unseen

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THE ZONE OF INTEREST. Presented with the briefest description of this, e.g. a glimpse inside the domestic life of the commandant of the Auschwitz concentration camp, one's mind might immediately go to Hannah Arendt's commentary regarding the "banality of evil." Which is a reasonable leap, as that phrase has so frequently come into use when describing the institutionalization of unspeakable acts. Especially in a case like this, when the viewer is so directly confronted with the corporate machinery of mass murder, with the generally dispassionate mien of the men enacting the hideous designs of other dispassionate men, that viewer (but also the makers of the work) could easily fall into the trap of dismissiveness. A betrayal on the scale of the Holocaust so confounds the imagination that it becomes almost impossible to parse. And so, one can be forgiven for attributing otherworldly, demonic traits to the perpetrators, while also diminishing the actions of the individual by allowing Adolf Eichmann's asinine notion of "doing one's job" to creep in. In such a construction, one is left with a self-contradictory, over-simplified version of events that precludes having to consider the broad spectrum of (in)human impulse that actually builds to and allows cataclysmic destruction on the largest scale.

The great genius of Jonathan Glazer's *The Zone of Interest* — technically adapted from Martin Amis' 2014 novel, but I presume Glazer has taken great liberties — is in confronting us so directly, so frequently with aural and visual manifestations of the collective cognitive dissonance that is our perception of the Holocaust, that we cannot make easy sense of it.

From context, we can gather that the events of the film take place between 1943 and 1944, mostly within the tranquil environs of the beautifully appointed Höss home in occupied Poland. Hedwig (Sandra Hüller), the lady of the house, takes great pride in her family and her remodeling projects, having reshaped an open field into an abundant garden, replete with swimming pool and slide for her lively brood. And every day, her husband rides

from his dooryard on horseback into the gates of the concentration camp he oversees. They celebrate birthdays and entertain guests, meanwhile dressing in clothes plundered from the imprisoned and tuning out the gunshots and screams and barking dogs just beyond their garden wall.

Glazer (*Sexy Beast*, 2000; *Birth*, 2004; *Under the Skin*, 2014), with cinematographer Lucasz Zal and a truly remarkable sound department, bring us impossibly close to the interior of the life of the Höss family, filling the building and grounds with cameras just as the soundtrack is filled with punishing ambient noise. The result is something both formalistic and definitively avant-garde, an impeccably detailed historical drama that transcends simple description in the methodology and aesthetic brutality in its approach.

Much of life as described within the movie is banal, to be sure, but it is frequently punctuated by reminders — chilling, fiery and indelible — of the fact that the commission of unspeakable acts was not carried out by mere functionaries. Rather, those in positions of nominal or significant power — like Rudolf and, by extension, Hedwig — embrace the task at hand with pride and self-importance. Rudolf may be trying to climb the corporate ladder, to be a good executive and a good soldier, but he is also the bringer of a hell on Earth, a devourer, a death merchant and a family man. His type was (is) not unique and is all the more virulent for its mundanity: He relishes success as defined by structures of power, as that success defines and elevates him with its noxious liquors.

Glazer does not bring the audience inside the walls of the camp, (at least until a quick flash-forward to the present-day), does not subject us to recreations of atrocity. But his technique is perhaps all the crueler for that omission. Were we to witness the acts implied and overheard, we might more readily process or understand our own feelings, or at least contextualize them in some satisfying, if unpleasant way. Instead, we are both within and without the truth, where contextualizing is essentially impossible.

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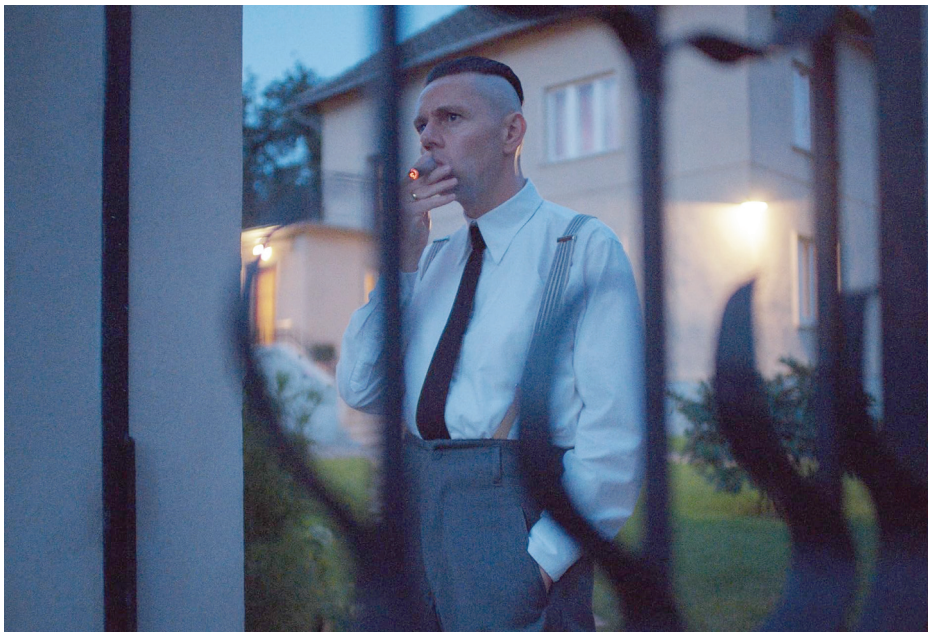






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The production recreates the reality of the day-to-day in granular detail, as the actors immerse themselves so fully in this lived horror that the queasy feeling with which we are left is of witnessing reality retold, rather than reimagined. For all its consummate technique, for the frightening balance of technical skill and unwavering narrative honesty, *The Zone of Interest* succeeds mightily as an examination of the impossible to understand. It delivers nothing reassuring or comforting, except that someday everything will end. But it does it with such mastery and fineness that I already feel the overwhelming need to see it again.

In its way, this is horror and history as modern art. There has never been anything like it except the events it describes; we should be grateful for both presence and absence. PG13. 105M. MINOR. ●

John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.

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ANYONE BUT YOU. Sydney Sweeney and Glen Powell try to make their exes jealous in a destination wedding rom-com. R. 103M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM. Jason Momoa dons his trunks for his last dip in the DC franchise. 115M. PG13. BROADWAY.

ARGYLLE. Action comedy about a spy novelist (Bryce Dallas Howard) embroiled in espionage involving a cat. PG13. 139M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

THE BEEKEEPER. Apiary actioner starring Jason Statham as a secret agent bent

on revenge. R. 105M. BROADWAY.

THE BOY AND THE HERON. Hayao Miyazaki animated adventure about a boy who travels beyond the veil to see his mother. PG13. 125M. MILL CREEK (DUB).

THE BOYS IN THE BOAT. True-story drama about a university crew team headed for the 1936 Berlin Olympics. PG13. 124M. BROADWAY.

THE CHOSEN. Season 4, episodes 1-3. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

DUNE: PART ONE (2021). The first leg of the epic sci-fi adaptation on the cusp of its sequel. 156M. PG13. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

FIGHTER. Indian Air Force action movie with aviators and dance numbers. NR. 106M. BROADWAY.

LISA FRANKENSTEIN. Horror-come-dy in which girl meets corpse, corpse is reanimated. Starring Kathryn Newton and Cole Sprouse. PG13. 101M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

MEAN GIRLS (2024). Tina Fey's iconic comedy about girl-on-girl violence gets an update. PG13. 112M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

MIGRATION. Animated duck adventure voiced by Elizabeth Banks, Awkwafina and Keegan-Michael Key. PG. 92M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

POOR THINGS. The life and times of a resurrected young woman (Emma Stone). With Willem Dafoe and Mark Ruffalo. R. 141M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

WONKA. Timothée Chalamet brings his bone structure to the candy man's origin story. With Hugh Grant in Oompa-Loompa mode. PG. 112M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

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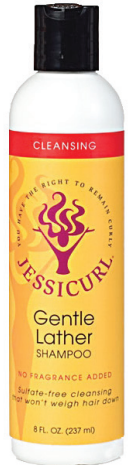
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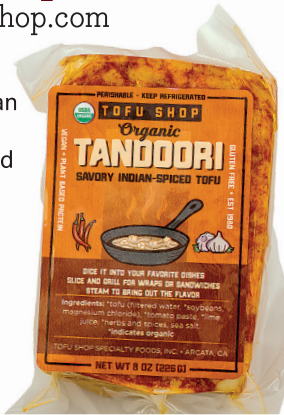
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STRONG SUITS • ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

- ACROSS**
- As of yet
 - Judge's seat, in law
 - "Ray Donovan" actor Schreiber
 - Jumper cable terminal
 - As well
 - Give the creepy eye to
 - Remove all the dirt and grime from
 - Server operating system
 - Release
 - Three-part vacuum tube in old TVs
 - "___ Little Tenderness"
 - Becomes enraged
 - Double sextet
 - Borrower
 - 2001 high-tech debut
 - Apt answer for this clue
 - It had a hub at JFK
 - Keanu's "Matrix" role
 - What you may need to do to understand the four sets of circled letters
 - Talking computer in "2001: A Space Odyssey"
 - Slippery tree
 - Inquisition target
 - Clock feature
 - Kicks out
 - Injection also used to treat migraines
 - Gangsters' headwear, in old movies
 - Tiger sound
 - Cider fodder
 - England-Scandinavia separator
 - Golden State sch.
 - They're unbiased and accepting, and not short-sighted
 - Wine bouquet
 - Expert pilots
 - Rice-___ ("The San Francisco Treat")
 - Lawyer, for short
 - Put a stop to
 - "The Walking Dead" villain
- DOWN**
- Rude response
 - "Falling Slowly" musical
 - Ticonderoga, e.g.
 - Took on grown-up errands, so to speak
 - Like a phoenix
 - Lightweight modeling wood
 - Out of the breeze, to a sailor
 - Hush-hush govt. group
 - In a satisfied way
 - Thelma's cohort, in film
 - "Disregard what you just saw ..."
 - Avoid some syllables
 - Bewildered
 - Slyly shy
 - Change color again
 - Peasants of yore
 - Feast
 - European car manufacturer
 - Went by quickly
 - "One of ___ great mysteries ..."
 - Locale in a Clash title
 - "Everybody ___" (REM song)
 - Home of Baylor University
 - James Patterson detective Cross
 - Hobbits' homeland
 - Available to rent
 - Tennis shot
 - Role for Keaton and Kilmer
 - Animals, collectively
 - Disney World acronym
 - "I Only ___ the Ones I Love" (Jeffrey Ross book)
 - Airport code for O'Hare
 - "Great British Bake-Off" co-host Fielding
 - Make out in Manchester
 - ___ Mode of "The Incredibles"
 - "O ___ Oscar"
 - "His Master's Voice" company

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS TO STYLE AND SWAGGER

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY DAWN CUNNINGHAM CASE NO. PR2400023

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY DAWN CUNNINGHAM A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner KATY EILEEN CUNNINGHAM

The petition for probate requests that KATY EILEEN CUNNINGHAM be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by court.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 22, 2024 at 1:31 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 4, Room: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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Attorney for Petitioner:
Thomas B. Hjerpe
Law Office of Hjerpe & Godinho, LLP

350 E Street, 1st Floor
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 442-4262
Filed: January 23, 2024
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

2/1, 2/8, 2/15/2024 (24-031)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY LOU MORGAN CASE NO. PR2400019

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY LOU MORGAN, MARY L MORGAN, MARY MORGAN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner TRAVIS MORGAN

The petition for probate requests that TRAVIS MORGAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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Attorney for Petitioner:
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Filed: January 19, 2024
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-031)

T.S. No. 116887-CA APN: 212-312-012-000

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/10/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 3/5/2024 at 11:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/12/2008 as Instrument No. 2008-6162-18 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Humboldt County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MATTHEW SCOTT, AN UNMARRIED MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 825 5TH ST., EUREKA, CA 95501 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5794 STATE HIGHWAY 254, MIRANDA, CA 95553 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is:

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1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-013)

NOTICE OF INTENDED TRANSFER OF RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE UNDER SECTIONS 24073 and 24074 CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

2024-000535
Recorded: Official Records
Humboldt County, CA
Juan Cervantes, Recorder
1/11/2024

Licensee Name: Picton, Bruce L

Premises address to which License has been issued: 492 Machi Rd, Whitehorn, CA 95589

Applicants Name: Shelter Cove Campground, LLC

Mailing Address of Applicant: PO Box 10601, Reno, NV 89510

Kind of License intended to be transferred: Type 41 On-Sale Beer and Wine - Eating Place

Escrow Holder/Guarantor Name: Humboldt Land Title, a Division of FNTCCA

Escrow Holder/Gaurantor Address: 930 Sixth Street, Suite 200, Eureka, CA 95501

Total consideration to be paid for the business and license, including inventory, whether actual cost, estimated cost, or a not-to-exceed amount. Cash: \$50,000.00

The parties agree that the consideration for the transfer of the business and the license is to be paid only after the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has

approved the proposed transfer. The parties also agree and herein direct the above-named escrow holder to make payment or distribution within a reasonable time after the completion of the transfer of the license as provided in Section 24074 of the California Business and Professions Code.

Applicants Signature: Bruce Picton

Date signed: 11/27/2023
2/1, 2/8 (24-040)

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at auction by competitive bidding on the 21st of February, 2024, at 9:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Rainbow Self Storage.

The following spaces are located at 4055 Broadway Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt.

William Whiffing, Space #5045
Pamela Unger, Space #5504
David Teller, Space #5525

The following spaces are located at 639 W. Clark Street Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

David Burrow, Space #2011
Seth Hoffarth, Space #2313
Marc Borde, Space #2910

The following spaces are located at 3618 Jacobs Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Jessica Jones, Space #1220
Magic Can Collective LLC (Melanie Mirthan-Nelson), Space #1312
Caleb Hanevik, Space #1598
Christopher Gruetzmacher, Space #1678
Derek Buehler, Space #1721
Meghan Wyatt, Space #1799

The following spaces are located at 105 Indianola Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Denise Alora-Landry, Space #358
JonCharles McDonald, Space #779
William Whiffing, Space #827
Artem Patalakh, Space #848

The following spaces are located at 100 Indianola Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

None

The following spaces are located at 1641 Holly Drive McKinleyville, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Rodney Neff, Space #2235
Brandi Youravish, Space #5122
Vincent Weatherbee, Space #6108

The following spaces are located at 2394 Central Avenue McKinleyville CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Marie Bedard, Space #9227
Thayen Alsobrook, Space #9520
Marie Bedard Space #9564

The following spaces are located at 180 F Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Heather Brewster, Space #4432
Leif Lastine, Space #6141

The following spaces are located at 940 G Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Francene Colegrove, Space #6361
Anisa Escobedo, Space #6405
Carla Marie Reed, Space #6406

Items to be sold include, but are not limited to: Household furniture, office equipment, household appliances, exercise equipment, TVs, VCR, microwave, bikes, books, misc. tools, misc. camping equipment, misc. stereo equip. misc. yard tools, misc. sports equipment, misc. kids toys, misc. fishing gear, misc. computer components, and misc. boxes and bags contents unknown.

Anyone interested in attending Rainbow Self Storage auctions must pre-qualify. For details call 707-443-1451. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All pre-qualified Bidders must sign in at 4055 Broadway Eureka CA. prior to 9:00 A.M. on the day of the auction, no exceptions. All purchased items are sold as is, where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation for any reason whatsoever. Auctioneer: Nicole Pettit, Employee for Rainbow Self-Storage, 707-443-1451, Bond # 40083246.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2024 and 15th day of February, 2024
2/8, 2/15/2024 (24-045)

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700-21716 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code

The Undersigned will be sold at public auction by competitive bidding on the 16th day of February, 2024, at 11:00 AM on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at INDIANOLA STORAGE, 673 Indianola Cutoff, Eureka, County of Humboldt, State of California. The following units will be sold:

Adrienne Earl--unit #111--Misc. Household items
Tommy Gene Smith Sr.--unit #150--Misc. Household items

Purchase must be paid for (cash only) and removed at the time of the sale, with the unit left broom clean. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. Owner reserves the right to bid. Call 442-7613.

Indianola Storage, Jerry Avila, bond # 0327592

2/8, 2/15/2024 (24-046)

Public Notice

The Individuals listed below are hereby given notice that the personal property stored at 315 N. Fortuna Blvd. Fortuna, CA 95540 will be sold to satisfy lien imposed pursuant to section S21700-21716 of the Business/Professions code, section 535 of the Civil Code on or after February 9, 2024 on StorageAuctions.com unless the amount is paid at: 315 N. Fortuna Blvd. Fortuna, CA 95540. Auction will close at 10:00 AM on 2/9/24

#27, #32 Jessica Pape
#52 Susan Tovar
#58 Ciara Hider
#59 Roy Davidson
#153 Jacob Rial

J And B Mini Storage 315 N. Fortuna Blvd. Fortuna, CA 95540 Robert Brock (707) 725-9765 County of Humboldt, State of California

Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. Go to StorageAuctions.com for more information

2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-032)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00734

The following person is doing Business as **GREEN CERTS**

Humboldt
2588 Pacific Ct
Arcata, CA 95521

Jenna L Bader
2588 Pacific Ct
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on October 2, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s Jenna Bader, Owner This December 22, 2023 JUAN P. CERVANTES by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15/2024 (24-024)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00736

The following person is doing Business as **STYLES STUDIO**

Humboldt
2869 School St
Fortuna, CA 95540

Jessica H Berg
2869 School St
Fortuna, CA 95540

Bobbi J Lewis
2869 School St
Fortuna, CA 95540

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1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-022)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00741

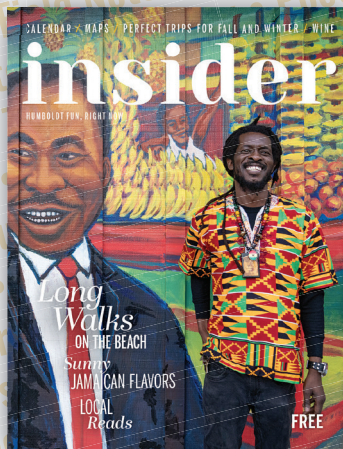
The following person is doing Business as **G PEACH STUDIO**

Humboldt
1494 Sharon Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Georgia Sack
1494 Sharon Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to

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transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on December 29, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Georgia Sack, Owner
This December 29, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk
1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-021)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00006
The following person is doing Business as
THE HUMBOLDT BAKING COMPANY

Humboldt
7197 Nunes Ln
Eureka, CA 95503

Aron J Walters
7197 Nunes Ln
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 4, 2024 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Aron Walters, Owner
This January 4, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk
2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22/2024 (24-035)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00017
The following person is doing Business as
D K MARKET

Humboldt
39 Wabash Ave
Eureka, CA 95501

R & R Investments Group LLC
CA 2023-57513535
849 Woodward Dr
Rodeo, CA 94572

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on December 19, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the regis-

trant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Kewal S Randhawa, President/
Managing Member
This January 10, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk
1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-014)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00018

The following person is doing Business as
HENDERSON CENTER LAUNDROMAT

Humboldt
2938 E St
Eureka, CA 95501

6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95501

Pacific Coast Laundromats LLC
CA 202359414143
6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95503

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS



The City of Trinidad will accept sealed bids for its Trinity Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project RPL-5036(021), by or before **March 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the office of GHD Inc., located at 718 Third Street, Eureka California, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work consists of furnishing of all labor, material, equipment, and supervision for the construction of the project, including, but is not limited to, removal of existing asphalt pavement, hot mix asphalt pavement, pavement striping and markings, utility cover adjustments, monument cover adjustments, and manhole cover adjustments as shown on the plans. The estimated construction cost of the base bid is approximately **\$182,000**.

The plans, specifications, bid forms and contract documents for the Project, and any addenda thereto ("Contract Documents") may be downloaded from City's website located at: <https://trinidad.ca.gov/>.

Each proposal must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in an amount of not less than 10 percent of the amount bid. Successful bidders will be required to furnish both a Payment Bond and Performance Bond in the full amount of the Contract Price.

In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 10263 the Contractor will be allowed to substitute securities for monies normally withheld by the Owner to insure performance under this contract.

To bid on this project, contractors must hold the following contractor's license: Class "A" General Engineering. This is a public works project so all bidders must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and pay the prevailing wage rates (this includes, travel, subsistence, holiday pay, designated days off and overtime) determined by the Director of the DIR according to the type of work and location.

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on December 30, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Shelley Allen, Managing Member
This January 10, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-017)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00019**
The following person is doing Business as
SUMMER STREET LAUNDROMAT

Humboldt
1111 Summer St
Eureka, CA 95501

6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95503

**Pacific Coast Laundromats LLC
CA 202359414143
6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95503**

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/s Shelley Allen, Managing Member
This January 10, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-016)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00020**
The following person is doing Business as
CUTTEN PLAZA LAUNDROMAT

Humboldt
4015 Walnut Dr
Eureka, CA 95503

6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95503

**Pacific Coast Laundromats LLC
CA 202359414143
6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95503**

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transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on December 30, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Shelley Allen, Managing Member
This January 10, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-015)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00021**
The following person is doing Business as
RHIZOME WELLNESS COLLECTIVE

Humboldt
799 H St #1092
Arcata, CA 95521

**Rhizome Wellness Collective,
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Inc.
CA 5868522
822 G Street Ste 8
Arcata, CA 95521**

The business is conducted by a Corporation. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Nicole Winters, Secretary
This January 10, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15/2024 (24-029)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00028**
The following person is doing Business as
AZALEA ESTATES MOBILE HOME PARK

Humboldt
2701 Chateau Way
McKinleyville, CA 95519

**Rick Bryan
2701 Chateau Way
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 1, 2024 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and

Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Rick Bryan, Owner
This January 17, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15/2024 (24-025)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00030**
The following person is doing Business as
WITCHDOCTOR

Humboldt
3300 Broadway St, Ste 502, #2064
Eureka, CA 95501

**Witchdoctor Formulas LLC
CA 202460319437
3300 Broadway St, Ste 502, #2064
Eureka, CA 95501**

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/s Landon Iannamico, CEO
This January 18, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22/2024 (24-033)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00031**
The following person is doing Business as
THE SASQUATCH DEN

Humboldt
6751 Apt B
Miranda, CA 95553

PO Box 274
Miranda, CA 95553

**Christine A Savio
6751 Apt B
Miranda, CA 95553**

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on March 1, 2024 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Christine Savio, Owner
This January 19, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15/2024 (24-030)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00043**
The following person is doing Business as
HUMMY HERBALS AND BODY-WORKS

Humboldt
780 Railroad Ave Unit 2
Blue Lake, CA 95525

PO Box 665
Blue Lake, CA 95525

**Roxann T McArthur
780 Railroad Ave Unit 2
Blue Lake, CA 95525**

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/s Roxann McArthur, Sole Proprietor/Owner
This January 24, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22/2024 (24-039)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00045**
The following person is doing Business as
EMERALD RIVER CERAMICS

Humboldt
3584 Mitchell Heights Dr
Eureka, CA 95503

**Travis R Arnold
3584 Mitchell Heights Dr
Eureka, CA 95503**

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/s Travis Arnold, Owner
This January 26, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22/2024 (24-038)

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**CITY OF FORTUNA
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 5, 2024; the City Council of the City of Fortuna adopted the following ordinance:
ORDINANCE 2024-767
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA ADDING CHAPTER 15.65 TO ARTICLE 15 OF THE FORTUNA MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR EXPEDITING PERMITTING PROCESSING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEMS AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA
SECOND READING PERFORMED AND ADOPTED on the 5th day of February, 2024 by the following vote:
AYES: Council Member Conley, Losey, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
Copies of the full Ordinance are available for public inspection and review in the office of the City Clerk at 621 - 11th Street, Fortuna, California.
This notice is given in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code of the State of California. This section allows a summary of the Ordinance to be printed.
Ashley Chambers,
Deputy City Clerk

Posted: 2/8/2024

**CITY OF FORTUNA
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 5, 2024; the City Council of the City of Fortuna adopted the following ordinance:
ORDINANCE 2024-768
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA ADDING CHAPTER 15.67 TO ARTICLE 15 OF THE FORTUNA MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR EXPEDITING PERMITTING PROCESSING FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR SYSTEMS AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM DECA
SECOND READING PERFORMED AND ADOPTED on the 5th day of February, 2024 by the following vote:
AYES: Council Member Conley, Losey, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
Copies of the full Ordinance are available for public inspection and review in the office of the City Clerk at 621 - 11th Street, Fortuna, California.
This notice is given in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code of the State of California. This section allows a summary of the Ordinance to be printed.
Ashley Chambers,
Deputy City Clerk

Posted: 2/8/2024

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00049

The following person is doing Business as
LOST COAST THERAPY

Humboldt
350 E Street, Suite 305
Eureka, CA 95501

1561 City Center Rd, Box 2281
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Philippa K Watkins
350 E Street, Suite 305
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual.
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I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
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/s/ Philippa Watkins, Owner
This January 29, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22/2024 (24-042)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00053

The following person is doing Business as
MAIN STREET COFFEE CO

Humboldt
582 Main Street
Ferndale, CA 95536

3454 E. College Street
Fortuna, CA 95540

Joanna C Miranda
582 Main Street
Ferndale, CA 95536

George T Hawkins
582 Main Street
Ferndale, CA 95536

The business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on December 26, 2023
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Joanna Miranda, Partner
This January 31, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29/2024 (24-044)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SILVIA MARIA LARA SOLARES
CASE NO. CV2302073
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF:
SILVIA MARIA LARA SOLARES
for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name
SILVIA MARIA LARA SOLARES
to Proposed Name
SILVIA MARIA SOLARES
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: March 1, 2024
Time: 1:50 p.m., Dept. 4 Room 4
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH
STREET EUREKA, CA 95501

To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.

Date: December 29, 2023
Filed: December 29, 2023
/s/ Timothy A. Canning
Judge of the Superior Court

2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22/2024 (24-036)

Request for Bids

The Riverside Community Services District is soliciting bids to drill their new well. The bid opening will be held March 6, 2024, at Ferndale City Hall. There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting February 28, 2024, at the site. Details are available from the Humboldt Builder's Exchange or from the engineer who can be contacted at lostcoastengineering@gmail.com

2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29/2024 (24-048)

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Cynthia Gail Hebard

August 30, 1954 – November 3, 2023

Cindi passed away with her family around her, holding her hands and giving her unconditional love and support at the end of a long, hard fought battle with COPD and Emphysema.

Born to William Leslie "Les" Hebard Sr and Calista June "Pat" Mell (Owsley) in Roseburg Oregon; she moved to Eureka at a very young age. She attended Pine Hill Elementary School, Jacobs and graduated from Eureka Senior High School in 1972.

Survived by her husband Stephen Wolke, her "Pop" Jon R. Mell, her brothers, "Burgie" Bill Hebard and Jon B. Mell, her sister Wendy Starr, her son, R. Morgan W. J. (Kayla) Chapman, her daughter Jaycie (Brian) Chapman Shearer, her grandchildren, Anthony Riley Lovel, G. Hayden N. Lovel, Aurora Rose Chapman and Stella Rose Chapman.

She is proceeded in death by her first daughter and first true love, Nicole Spring Romano (March 21, 1974 – July 23, 1974), her mother, Pat Mell and father, Les Hebard.

She did a lot of things and touched a lot of people during her short 69 years on this earth. She never missed an opportunity to let her kids and grandkids know how much she loved them. Her presence is and will be extremely missed by her family and friends but knowing she is not in pain, is in a better place and will always be with us, we will continue in the hopes of making her proud.

A Memorial in celebration of her life will be held at the Samoa Women's Club (115 Rideout Ave. Samoa Ca.) March 9th, 2024 @ 1pm. This will be a potluck style event, so bring a dish and your memories to share. Please contact Jaycie at (707) 273-8432 with any questions.

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Robert William Astrue

February 2, 1928-February 19, 2023

With gratitude and deep sadness, we share the passing of Robert William Astrue on February 19, 2023. He taught Physics at Humboldt State University for over 35 years, and contributed uncommon talents, intelligence, and energy to this community. We will gather to remember him at Trinidad Town Hall on March 2, 2024 1 to 4pm. Bring a story and food or drink to share.

He was born February 2, 1928 at Stanford Hospital and grew up in the West Portal area of San Francisco. His dad was an engineer with Southern Pacific and his mom was a homemaker. In 1940 his dad brought Bob along with younger brother Jim on a road trip up 101 to the North Coast. The alignment of the highway was torturous, but our wild and gorgeous landscapes made a deep impression. To Jim's disbelief, twelve-year-old Bob declared that he would live here some day.

Back at home, Bob & Jim shared a room and were close companions. They enjoyed recurring jokes and improvised comedy routines, football catch and other games. Bob also spent many hours at the local library and in the basement teaching himself chemistry (at times with explosive results). While today's gifted children are more likely to be recognized and included, in that era they were often bullied and ostracized. In the words of one famous contemporary, "Being a bright child among your peers was not the best way to grow up in America". The acceptance and humor he found with Jim sustained him during his entire life.

At Lowell High School, he thrived socially and excelled in languages and science and math. There were chess matches during lunchtime. Bob was recruited to serve as an usher at the War Memorial Opera House, with free admission to performances. He was transformed by this exposure, especially arias sung by Jussi Björling.

He followed the well-worn path from Lowell to UC Berkeley, where intellectual opportunities and his rebel nature led him toward academia. After 2 stints in the Navy, while working at the Naval Research Lab in Washington DC he met Virginia Vogt. They married in 1956. Daughters Mary and Margaret arrived while he pursued a Master's degree at the University of Washington, followed by Elizabeth, Joseph, and Elaine during his PhD work at Wayne State University.

In 1966, he accepted a faculty position at Humboldt State College. The family of 7 piled into a Mercury station wagon and made the journey from Detroit to Arcata, fulfilling his promise to return. They settled in Sunny Brae, and he began teaching Thermodynamics, Electricity & Magnetism, and Quantum Mechanics, as well as self-designed courses The Science of Sound and later, The Conscious Universe. For an introvert who preferred doing research, he proved to be a gifted teacher.

To augment the family's income, Bob started voice lessons with the idea of working with the SF Opera. In his 40s he began studying with Lee Barlow, developing a rich and beautiful bass voice. While paid gigs never materialized, for many years Bob sang lead roles with the Humboldt Light Opera Company and Humboldt Choral.

Deeply affected by Jim's untimely death in 1986 from glioblastoma, he embarked on a journey of self-discovery and reinvention, eventually marrying Terri Tinkham and moving to an off-grid property near Trinidad. They shared a rich and varied life together with many beloved animals. They made several treks to Europe, especially France, hiking portions of the Chemin de St. Jacques in the Pyrenees. Locally they loved backpacking in the Marble Mountains along with indoor winter pursuits like jigsaw puzzles and reading.

He believed fiercely in scientific observation and rigor, and at the same time understood the limitations of our capacity to understand. He was a voracious reader, life-long learner and collector of skills, and a student of history and politics. He loved good food, from the hard-boiled egg from his mom in his school lunch, to the Co-op's Blackened Chicken Salad, to a fine meal with wine in France.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles James Astrue and Ida (Reinfeld) Astrue, older brother Charles Jr and younger brother James. He is survived by Terri Tinkham, children Mary Hamilton (Eric), Margaret Barrett, Elizabeth Astruc Roettingen, Joseph Astrue (Heidi), and Elaine Astrue (Danny Sokolsky), 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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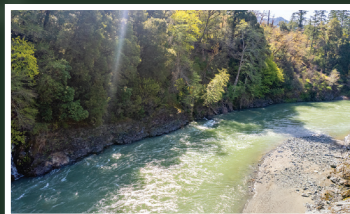
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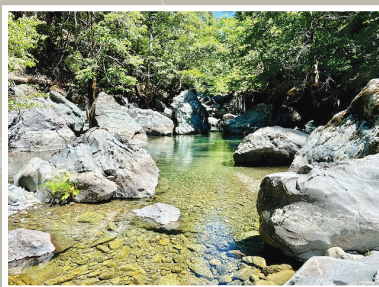
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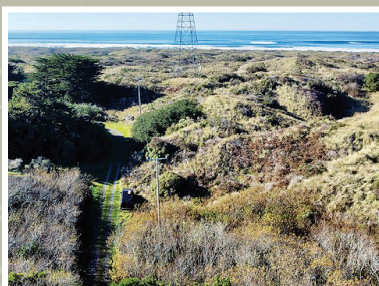
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